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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

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1893.

THE Woman's Missionary Society registers a year of toil, marked by the favor of God upon the work and workers. There has been pruning and removal of dead branches from the living vine, as the record of statistics shows.

The home work is represented by 2,209 Auxiliaries and 76,396 members. In the report of Home Affairs, page 49, statistics under this head will be found in full.

LITERATURE. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has a circulation of 13,000; the *Little Worker*, 6,662. Thirty-six varieties of leaflets, with monthly programmes for adult and juvenile societies, have been issued and distributed, aggregating 2,084,000 pages of this class of missionary literature. Annual reports were published as ordered by the Board, and these, with leaflets, have been sent out free of cost.

A knowledge of the work that is being done, and of that yet to be done, is absolutely essential before we can rightly comprehend the charge intrusted to us by our Lord. "It is ignorance that paralyzes our effort, and knowledge is the only power by which liberty will be brought into active operation." It has been wisely said: "Give at any cost the means of instructing the people, and as soon as they are familiar with the work they will be ambitious of the privilege of partaking in it, and the only appeal that will be needed for raising the funds requisite for carrying on the work of Christ in the world will be the collecting boxes at the doors. We shall not need the stimulus of annual meetings, but our contributions will be stimulated by our knowledge, and our gifts to Missions will come to be regarded as parts of our necessary expenditures, which must be paid, and cannot be curtailed."

MISSIONARIES who have returned, and those who have gone to the field: The Misses Holding, of Laredo Seminary, Mexican Border, came home in May and remained until November; Mrs. Brelsford, Misses Marvin and Brown, of Brazil, returned home in November; and Miss Hughes, who had been on a health furlough for a year, returned to China in September. Eleven missionaries were accepted and sent to the field—namely, Miss Delia Holding to Laredo Seminary; Misses Pyles, Waters, Blake, Bomar, Reynolds, Gary, and Mrs. Gaither to China; and Misses Littlejohn, Moore, and Elerding to Brazil. The Board supports 38 missionaries; they are distributed as follows: China, 16; Mexico, 13; Brazil, 9; and Indian Mission, 4 *teachers*.

OUR WORK. During the year just gone the missionaries have had to contend with sickness, depletion of forces, poverty and famine, yet no ground has been lost; death has not invaded their ranks; Providence in unexpected ways supplied the need of teachers, and the schools have grown, and work in every line has prospered. There are 12 boarding schools, 41 day schools, 2,103 pupils, and many women under instruction. The work of grace goes on quietly, and numbers are coming into the true fold. The Soochow hospital, in the absence of a regularly appointed physician, has been well kept up, and over 1,700 patients have been treated. The McTyeire Home and School in Shanghai, for the better class of Chinese girls, was opened in the early part of the year, and gives promise of reaching a class hitherto untouched by our mission schools.

A missionary in China, speaking of one of the schools for training native teachers and helpers, says: "Not all the good seed so faithfully sown have sprung up and matured into flower and fruit; and yet so rich are the harvests that our hearts are filled with joy in the reaping."

It has been a trying year in our Mexican missions, the failing health of a number of the experienced workers compelling change and rest; the deep poverty of the people and famine, followed by pestilence in some sections, have all contributed to tax faith and effort to the utmost; but there is the shout of the victor and songs of triumph in the reports that come from the field.

In the midst of a typhus-smitten city, where schools were being closed and infected houses were marked by a large red circle painted on the outside, our noble women were warned to be ready to leave the city. The reply was: "Our schools have suffered, and will be hurt much more, but we had not thought of our safety, only of the work."

Another, devoted to work among women, says: "On all sides they are reaching out, and seeking for the true knowledge of God. How their weary, hungry faces distress me! One Sunday afternoon, at our Woman's Missionary Band, a poor woman came more than a mile on crutches. A dear old sister said: 'When I was a Roman Catholic I had plenty of money, but since being converted and becoming a Protestant I have lost it all. My people think this came upon me because I was not faithful to the Catholic Church; but I tell them that I would rather have the peace of God in my heart than all the wealth in the world. He makes me happy without it.' " The missionary continues: "One afternoon I was not able to go to Sunday school. Monday morning five of the pupils came to me and inquired why, and to recite their verses and get cards that they might learn new verses for next Sunday. These were not all children; one was a mother and one a grandmother. I wonder how many at home feel such love for their Sunday schools?"

One whose work had been chiefly among the boys, writes: "One of our converted boys had to leave school because of his health, and sadly said: 'O I want to do something for the religion I love; I want to be a priest, but I can't.' I asked him if his new faith hindered the old? He quickly answered: 'O no! I want to be a Methodist priest, but I can't be well enough to go to school.' He went to his home in the mining district of Zacatecas, and has sent back for Bibles and hymn books." So the heaven is working!

The work in Brazil has grown amid difficulties and discouragements. The failure in health of some of the missionaries made the burdens fall heavy on others. The cost of living has greatly increased, and the financial pressure has been without precedent.

Bishop Wilson, writing from the field, says: "Brazil—God help it—requires all the forces of the gospel for its redemption; and no class of missionaries can find better opportunity or reap larger results, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they must labor, than the women."

The new work opened at Juiz de Fora late in last year has met the most sanguine expectations. This city being beautifully located for health and accessibility, the patronage of the school is from a wealthy and influential class. The following incident related by a missionary will show how well-grounded the school is in the confidence of the people, and the Christian influence going out from it: "A gentleman coming from Rio to Juiz de Fora, bringing his two daughters to us, met two other gentlemen at the junction of the

railroad having their daughters on the way to a school in another city. While waiting, they fell into conversation and exchanged views about schools. The first-named gentleman commended our school, but said: 'It is Protestant.' The other said: 'We know nothing of Protestants, but we are tired of what we have.' They returned to their homes, and the following week their daughters were entered as pupils in our school. It was not a great while before they showed interest in the religion we teach, and in a few months were soundly converted and received into our Church with the consent of their parents. At my request one of the native preachers visited their homes, and the two houses are now open for the preaching of the gospel." This is but an illustration of the agency our Christian schools may have in bringing this new Western republic under the power of the living Christ.

Work among the Indians is confined to the wild tribes, and is increasing in influence and interest.

"We often pray that God would open doors for us, and pour out his Spirit upon the land. It is not a question of that; it is only a question of our going through the doors that *are* opened, and of gathering the ripe fruit that is lying there." The promises are "Yea, and Amen!" and "the outlook of Christian Missions is as hopeful and sure as the existence and faithfulness of God."

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Foreign Secretary.*

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL.

÷ CHINA, ÷

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD,

MISS BETTIE HUGHES,

MISS MARY McCLELLAN,

MISS MINNIE BOMAR,

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN,

MISS EMMA KERR,

MISS HELEN L. RICHARDSON,

MISS SALLIE B. REYNOLDS,

MRS. JULIA GAITHER.

Married lady in charge of work.

MRS. O. E. BROWN. [Now in U. S. A.]

Statistics of China Conference.—Missionaries of Woman's Board, 16; wives of missionaries, 2; native teachers, 52; Bible women, 5; boarding schools, 4; day schools, 33; pupils in both, 758; women under instruction, not given; hospital and dispensary, 1; patients treated, 1,700.

Bishop Key, who has recently visited the China Mission, thus writes of the work of the Woman's Board:

The work of the missionaries of the Woman's Board in China met my hearty approval.

I first saw it at Shanghai, and had abundant time to examine minutely every part of it. I went carefully through McTyeire Home and inspected the school work throughout. The building is perfectly adapted to the uses designed—large, roomy, and convenient for home and school, while ample grounds give place for exercise and recreation. Miss Laura Haygood has laid the foundation at Shanghai for untold benefits to future generations of Chinese.

The Clopton School is kept up to its former standard of efficiency. The buildings are sufficient and in good repair. I went into every room and took note of the management of the school and dormitories and boarding department, and am glad to make a favorable report in every particular. Miss Richardson has proven herself entirely competent to control and direct the school, and has been placed in charge of it.

I accompanied Miss McClellan to her day schools, and witnessed her work, and take pleasure in saying that the instruction is thorough and the

children seem to be making progress, while some of them are being drawn to Christ and, I trust, are being saved.

I spent a day in Nantzang and carefully inspected your property there. It is in good condition, except the boarding house, which, being unused for some time, has gone somewhat to wreck. In conference with Miss Haygood, it was agreed that as soon as the new missionaries acquire the language sufficiently work should be reopened at Nantsiang; two or three of the ladies should be placed there in charge of a Bible woman's training school to train all the native workers, and from that school they can be drawn and sent to whatever points they are needed. Being near to Shanghai, Miss Haygood can visit it frequently and superintend it. A little money expended on the boarding house will refit it satisfactorily.

From that point I went to Kading, and spent a day with Misses Rankin and Kerr and had a view of their day school work. I cannot speak too highly of these consecrated women and their work. They are much appreciated by the city authorities, receiving even assurances of esteem and protection. They are teaching the children of the best and highest classes of the Chinese.

The Conference met in Soochow, and I had abundant time to examine the work at that point. Mrs. Campbell, who is Superintendent of the entire work in Soochow, is specially adapted to her place, and carries it all without friction or waste of nerve force. In the absence of a physician and trained nurse the hospital has drawn heavily on her. I trust you will send a physician as soon as possible.

You have in Soochow a very fine school plant also under Mrs. Campbell's general oversight, which is now nearly filled, but which you can enlarge sufficiently as the future will demand.

Miss Atkinson's day school work has grown immensely on her hands, and now well-nigh occupies her entire time.

The coming of the new ladies was a timely reënforcement and greatly encouraged the faithful laborers who had been long waiting and praying for help. They began at once the study of the language, and as soon as they get its use will be distributed to different points.

I am glad to report that your workers and their work in China gave me great delight. A great field is open to them, and a great harvest will surely be gathered.

SHANGHAI.

Miss Haygood, having charge of the district, gives a review of the whole:

The year which has just closed has been one of strangely blended joys and sorrows, in which I have seen the glad fruition of cherished hopes and have met with sore disappointments; and yet, looking back, I find that thanksgiving for all that God has wrought fills too much of my heart to leave room for regret.

The beginning of the Conference year, as well as its close, found Miss McClellan, Miss Richardson, and myself the only representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in

SHANGHAI.

In apportioning the work among ourselves Miss McClellan became responsible for the daily care of the day schools, and with unflagging interest and unwearied zeal she has bravely and faithfully met the duties that devolved upon her. I have come in contact with the schools only through occasional visits and the teachers' meetings which, except when prevented by sickness, I have held regularly once a week during the year. They are always opened with an hour of Bible study, the current Sunday school lesson, which the teachers are to give to the children the succeeding week, furnishing the text. An earnest effort is made to help the teachers to be ready to "rightly divide the word" to the little folks under their more immediate care, and to find as well food for the uplifting of their faith and strengthening of their own lives.

It is pleasing to note, as the years go on, in some of the teachers an increasing interest in Bible study and some growth in Christian character, through far less of either than we have longed to see. Besides the Bible lesson, this weekly meeting gives frequent opportunity for discussing methods of discipline and teaching. I will leave Miss McClellan to tell you in detail of the schools themselves.

Until the middle of May I had daily class work in

CLOPTON SCHOOL.

When no longer able to meet this obligation it was an occasion both of pleasure and thankfulness to find that Miss Richardson had made such faithful use of opportunities for study of the language and of the work that she was ready to take up and carry on the work there which was falling from my hands. Since that time she has had entire charge of the school.

For almost eight years I have sustained the relation of supernumerary teacher and helper to Clopton School, and have known and loved the work almost as well as the two faithful women, Anna Muse and Elizabeth Hughes, who during most of that time have borne there the heat and burden of the day. I have seen some of the little girls to whom Miss Muse gave so long ago the first hard lessons in order, application, and fidelity to duty—lessons that were earnestly continued and lovingly enforced by Miss Hughes—grow into earnest, faithful women and take their places in the rank and file of Christian women in China who are helping to bring in the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and for them and for all that Clopton School has made them I thank God. I feel that there is no department of our work in Shanghai that is more important than this training school for teachers and helpers. Other duties now claiming me, I shall probably never again be so closely associated with this work, but I rejoice that one has succeeded to the responsibilities, with all their accompanying joys and sorrows, who is able to bear them so well and so worthily as Miss Richardson. She will tell us more of the work of the past year.

For two years past I have been waiting upon God for guidance as to the time of opening

McTYEIRE SCHOOL.

Finding in the early winter that Miss McClellan and Miss Richardson

were increasingly able and gladly willing to relieve me of many of the duties in Clopton School and in the day schools which I had been accustomed to consider mine, and hearing that Mrs. Gaither had been appointed by the Board to come to my assistance, I felt that these were God's tokens to me that the time was at hand, and that I must not let another China New Year pass without beginning this work. The necessary arrangements were made and the school was formally opened Wednesday, March 16, with seven pupils.

As you know, Mrs. Gaither's coming was delayed until autumn, and if God had not most graciously provided for our needs, even before we knew them, the interests of the new school would have been imperiled. During the first month, when cares were many, two English missionaries, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Maddison, who had come to McTyeire Home as temporary boarders, helped me in many ways, until a Chinese matron was found who could relieve me of certain duties in the domestic department, and Mrs. Loehr was free to take charge of the musical department of the school. Again, when in May my strength proved unequal to the drafts then being made upon it, Miss Johnston, a Scotch lady of large and varied experience in Christian work, finding herself in Shanghai with time that she could command and hearing of our need, came and begged that she might help in any way possible to her. Most gratefully I turned over to her nearly all the English work of the school, and from that time until now she has helped us in ways that cannot be numbered.

Again, when in June my doctor said to me, "You cannot remain longer in Shanghai without peril, and your hope of future service in China depends upon a long holiday now," I answered: "I cannot go. I cannot leave the school." No sooner was the want known than Mrs. Brown came and said: "I will take your place in the Home and School." And so, bringing a better knowledge of the language than my own, a long experience in Chinese school work, and a familiarity with the methods that had been adopted in the school, Mrs. Brown more than supplied to the school until the end of the term, the last of July, my lack of service. So, through her, God lifted the burden of this part of the work from my heart and set me free for the needed rest in Japan.

Again, at the opening of the fall term, I would have been without foreign help if Miss Johnston had not said: "I am ready to stay and help you until reinforcements come." And so she continues to give half the day to our work, and often more, and during this week of absence has assumed entire supervision of the school. The other day my Chinese teacher said of her, "Truly the heavenly Father has sent her to you," and truly she has been his messenger to me and to the school.

I cannot close this part of my report without acknowledging most gratefully the valuable help that has been given to us by Mrs. Loehr in the musical department of the school, almost ever since its opening, in teaching herself the pupils who were somewhat advanced, and in supervising the work of our pupil teacher, Miss Sin-tung, who came to us from Clopton School and promises to become in time a successful teacher of music.

Could I be otherwise than deeply grateful for all these precious tokens that our new school has found a place in the heart and thought of God?

The Conference year, which represents seven months only of school work, closes with one pupil teacher and thirteen pupils, eight of whom are boarders and six day pupils. It is to me a matter of profound gratitude that these eight boarders are all Christians, and thus the school has from the very first had a higher spiritual plane than would otherwise have been possible. Those of us who know how significant for good or evil precedent is in this land will best appreciate all that this may mean to the school. Further, I must tell you that we have much reason to thank God for the readiness to receive Christian truth which we find in the hearts of two girls who came to us as day pupils from heathen homes. We have reason for feeling that they are being taught by the Holy Spirit as well as by us.

The work at

NANTSANG

has during another year been kindly cared for by Mrs. Brown, receiving her daily supervision until she came to my relief at McTyeire School the middle of June. It became necessary at China New Year to close the girls' day school there, because of the marriage of the teacher, her removal from Nantsiang, and the impossibility of finding a satisfactory woman to take her place. The two schools for boys have been successful, and we feel profitably continued, with between fifty and sixty pupils. They have received faithful instruction, and we cannot but trust that in the harvest time there will be full grain gathered from the seed sowing of the past two years. These schools have formed the nucleus of the Sunday school and Church congregations at Nantsiang and have been daily witnesses for Christian doctrine to the people within hearing of their bells.

I am very sorry that I have had so little opportunity to know personally the work at

KÄDING

during the past year, but it is a source of gratitude that Miss Rankin and Miss Kerr have been granted the requisite health and strength for meeting the responsibilities and burdens of the work there, and they will tell us of results.

In connection with the schools, the Woman's Missionary Society of the native Church in Shanghai, the Sunday school and regular Church services, the many visits which we have received at our own homes, the few which we have been able to make at Chinese homes, we have sought at Shanghai, at Nantsiang, at Käding, to bring, so far as it has seemed possible to us, the story of a Saviour's love to the hearts and minds of the women about us, deeply sorrowing that we could do so little and crying to the "Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest." And now we are waiting with glad and grateful hearts the coming of those who, in answer to this prayer, he has sent to this work.

Clopton Boarding and Training School for Teachers is in the immediate care of Miss Richardson, who says:

The year just closing has been full of work, study, and joy. As our appointments were not changed last year, I remained Miss Haygood's assistant

in Clopton School. Until May, while I had charge of the domestic department, I was unable to do any teaching in the school. At that time McTyeire School was opened, and, of course, made large demands upon her time. Then came my day of sore trial—trying to take up her classes. Often and often whole mornings were given to the preparation of lessons to be taught in the afternoon, and even then I would be conscious that the girls were getting very little of what I was trying to teach them. That state of things, however, was gradually ameliorated. Now, I not only understand the language better, but the girls too, and I am sure it is better farther on.

During the year we have had twenty-two girls in the school. Their health in general has been good—no serious illness among us except the case of the girl who died last spring. *La grippe* invaded our ranks, but with no serious results. We are most fortunate in having a lady physician of a sister mission near enough to call in or consult, as occasion demands.

As usual, during the year the girls have made, washed, and mended their own clothes. The entire work of the house and dining room has been done by them, also giving the cook daily such assistance as she needs in the kitchen. By the time these girls have finished their education they have had a most practical training, and are fitted in a real way for “helpmeets,” whether as teachers or wives.

While Miss Haygood was in Japan this summer I was greatly tried and disheartened by one of our oldest girls—one who had been for years in the school. She was one of those characters unfaithful in “little things.” After defying me openly in a very small matter, and seeing she had found no cause for repentance, I sent her to her room, while I went up to McTyeire Home to consult Mrs. Brown. As she had had charge of the girls in other years, I felt that she knew them much better than I did, and could advise me as to further action. After an hour’s consultation, we concluded that if by evening she remained unchanged and defiant, as she was twenty years of age (the age at which the obligation of the school to her ceased), she must be expelled. There came no change, and she was sent home. We regretted it most deeply, but her going has been a blessing to the school.

I have never found it easy to talk about my own soul to people, nor do I find it easy to talk about the souls of these twenty-two girls. We have talked and prayed together, and I am sure that both teacher and pupils are seeking for a closer walk with God. Every Sunday night we have a meeting in the parlor in our home, when many of the girls lead in voluntary prayer. Eight of them are members of the Church and eleven are probationers.

After study hour in the evening the entire school assembles in the class room for prayers. I was much pleased to learn from one of the girls that the primary class was holding a little prayer meeting of its own before study. They invite the older girls in if they care to come, but the meeting is conducted by them.

The day schools are reported by Miss McClellan:

The number of schools up to Christmas was eleven, when School No. 8 was closed; from Christmas until the reopening of our schools, after a three weeks’ vacation, the number was ten. After the China New-year holidays

two new schools were opened, one boys' and one girls', giving total number of schools twelve, six boys' and six girls'.

The schools are opened and closed with devotional exercises, and the children are required to attend the Sunday morning services, Sunday school, and preaching.

The highest number of pupils enrolled at one time during the year was 297. The teachers have, as a rule, given satisfaction.

At our semiannual examination I was greatly gratified at the knowledge our pupils seemed to have of the truths of Christianity. To the faithfulness of the native teachers much—indeed, most—of these gratifying results are due.

Miss Haygood has continued her normal class with the teachers on Saturday, which has been of much help to them.

The schools from July 25 to August 29 had only morning sessions; from August 29 to September 5 (one week) they were closed entirely. During this summer I have given very little personal supervision to them. Most of the time I spent in Arima, Japan, not returning to Shanghai until September 15. On my return, after consultation with Miss Haygood, the day schools in Clopton School building were given over to the care of Miss Richardson. I now have charge of nine schools. My desire is to visit each school weekly, and to gain access to as many of the homes of the pupils as time and strength will permit.

I feel that the year just closing has been one of advancement in the day schools of Shanghai.

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The Anglo-Chinese work of Miss Rankin grows in interest and influence. She writes:

At a cursory glance each year of mission work is much like its predecessor, but as we review the days, with their labors, successes, and failures, such a host of facts crowd up and clamor for a hearing that the difficulty arises: which shall we choose? and how shall we blend the sunshine and shadows to make the picture true?

The work is difficult, the apparent failures many, and the seeming successes often real and disheartening failures. Yet there is scarcely a day into which some brightness does not come, and doubtless we often defeat our own efforts by dwelling too largely on petty details and present difficulties, instead of summing up the whole and giving prominence to what has really been accomplished.

In the class room there is always joy to the teacher in watching the unfolding of minds and development of character. And in our daily intercourse with the people in general, there has been nothing of which the most exacting could complain. From the tired laborer in the field to the wealthiest and most scholarly, all have had a pleasant greeting and friendly word. While forced to acknowledge that our acquaintance with the real Chinaman is still very limited, we are sure that their knowledge of us and our religion is increasing.

At the beginning of the term at China New Year there were far more ap-

plicants in every department than could be accommodated. True, a number have gone into business since then, and there have not always been others to take their places, but despite all this, "we thank God and take courage."

Throughout the year the approval of those in authority and the sympathy so warmly shown in times of sorrow and trial have been constant causes for thankfulness. It would take pages and a ready pen to tell of our Agent's unvarying kindness pertaining to the work or the workers. We can only acknowledge our indebtedness, and wish we had words to rightly express our gratitude.

One pleasing feature of the year's work has been the freedom from financial straits. The increased appropriations and high rates of exchange have enabled the school to pay all its expenses, even to one day's chair hire, some extra coolie work, constable's fees, and whitewashing, and there is a balance of \$20.96. I am so accustomed to charging myself with all incidentals that I forgot to enter them until after the account was closed. Very few have paid their school fees, but all have given good security.

Among the various improvements and comforts we speak first of the large, well-furnished chapel. Only those who have been forced at prayer time to rush here and there, collecting chairs, stools, and all available seats, can fully appreciate our pleasure in this possession. Second to this, we prize our private class rooms, which can be locked during the foreigner's absence. We may be pardoned for mentioning that by this arrangement there is a saving of ninety-nine per cent. on ink and inkstands alone.

The boarding department has been removed to the rear of the building. Everything connected with the dormitories is in charge of the native teacher, who assumes all responsibility therewith. This is an unspeakable relief to the foreign teacher, who is thus freed from much anxiety and endless worry. The religious exercises and studies have ever been a source of great pleasure, and all the pupils most willingly take part therein. In fact they have never known anything else, and precedent is all-powerful, as every resident in China knows. This year the Anglo-Chinese pupils have translated the Mandarin Lesson Papers into English, each according to his ability. They are thus kept quiet and interested the greater part of the Sabbath day, which we think far better than running about the streets. The teacher thus gains an insight into the curious workings of a Celestial's mind, impossible under ordinary circumstances.

During the spring term we had a daily service at noon, and it was cheering indeed to note how many outsiders attended. The workmen from shops around came quite regularly, stopping on their way to or from tiffin. The weary traveler who happened to be resting in the cool gateway came in to see, and remained to hear. We were especially interested in one old man who seemed to understand and appreciate all that was said to him. Sometimes the neighbor women crowded around the door, but they seldom came nearer. Children of all ages and sizes were always out in force.

All these are opportunities for spreading a knowledge of the Lord, and although the year's work seems meager, we pray that the good seed may be widely spread, and yield a hundredfold. Only a few weeks ago, I heard that one of my former pupils, the least promising in a class of twenty or

more, was teaching a flourishing mission school. God sees not as we do, and it is our comfort to know "they labor not in vain who labor in the Lord."

The day schools in Kåding are under the personal care of Miss Kerr. She tells of each:

My whole time, with the exception of an hour daily for study, is given to four day schools and an English class of six. I am sorry to say that I have not done all that I hoped to do for the "Eliza Walker School." The greatest difficulty is the distance to the present location, which is reached by passing through a very undesirable part of the city. A very serious objection met on the way is a crazy man, who persistently follows us, frightening teacher and pupils, and often making our visit fruitless. Pressing duties inside the city render it impossible for me to visit the school daily, and it is necessarily left much to native care. The teacher is a member of the Church, yet I fear the school is not conducted as it should be in my absence. There are many reasons for and some against removing the school; there has never been a scarcity of material to work upon. The number of pupils enrolled this year is twenty-four; other applicants were turned away for lack of accommodations. A number of the pupils are country children who are needed on the farms in the busy seasons, therefore the average attendance is variable.

Philips School for Girls has at present fifteen pupils. The young teacher has labored under unavoidable difficulties, but has shown through them a lovely spirit. The pupils are well taught in their Christian books. I have never seen a more amiable, tractable class of girls, much of which I attribute to the teacher's influence.

Hendrix School for Boys enrolled eighteen pupils this year. Six of the number have been with us four years, making marked and satisfactory progress. Two of the larger boys went into business at the close of the spring term. Two brothers were expelled, after spending two years in the school. The native teacher, a very patient man, labored faithfully with them; the missionary admonished them with long-suffering and patience; yet they went from bad to worse, and despite the mother's entreaties, we found it necessary to the reputation of the school to dismiss them. The pruning had a very healthful effect.

Mary Sloan School, as previously reported, has two departments. The girls, seven in number, are taught by our native pastor's wife. This class is not up to the standard, and it may prove best to transfer the pupils to another school. The department for boys has enrolled twelve, six of whom study English. At the beginning of the term four of the six were preachers' sons. The saddest trial and disappointment of the year occurred in this school. Ernan Dzung, supported by scholarship, had been with us five years. About the 1st of May he violated the rules of school, and openly defied the authority of native and foreign teachers, then ran away from school, thereby causing much anxiety. His father, by his actions, approved his conduct. The case was handled with all leniency and kindness possible under the circumstances. As it was a repeated offense, we could not afford to compromise, so he was withdrawn from school. A younger brother was taken

away at the same time without excuse, unless, indeed, his father feared he would be required to conform to school regulations. These vacancies were filled in less than a week by better-behaved pupils. Whole number of pupils enrolled: Boys, 52; girls, 23. Total, 75. Were it possible, I would have all the schools in one compound, thereby conserving time and strength. Such an arrangement would not only concentrate work, but would bring the pupils more directly under my influence, for I am convinced that to do the greatest good one must come in close personal contact with the children in order to know something of the disposition, character, and capacity, and be able to meet the need in each case. A day school is not doing the good it should until the pupils are receiving daily Christian instruction from the missionary. The burden of the teaching rests upon us even when the native teachers are Christians. They seem so slow to take advantage of their opportunities, so loath to adopt new methods of teaching. An earnest effort has been made to awaken the conscience of the teachers. Their ideas of duty and responsibility are so different from ours that here we find a good school for patience.

Schools open at 8:30 A.M. and close at sunset. I make it a rule to have no fixed rules regarding my hours in the schools. Those inside the city I visit once, twice, and sometimes oftener during the day, finding it best to go at unexpected times. We have received a number of small children this year. We prefer that they begin with us; then we are not accused of attracting pupils from native schools. The majority of the pupils are bright, intelligent boys and girls, who listen attentively when being taught, and we feel that they comprehend something of the truth. Their seeming reluctance to accept our Saviour we do not attribute to indifference. The fruit comes slowly, but we know that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Soochow District.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. JOSEPHINE P. CAMPBELL,
MISS M. LITTLETON SMITHIEY,
MISS MARTHA PYLES,

MISS JENNIE M. ATKINSON,
MISS SUE P. BLAKE,
MISS ALICE WATERS,

MISS EMMA GARY.

Married lady in charge of the work:

MRS. A. P. PARKER.

SOOCHOW.

Mrs. Campbell, who has the supervision of the district, gives a comprehensive statement of the work. Since the marriage of Dr. Mildred Philips Mrs. Campbell has also had the hospital under her care. Dr. Park has very kindly given what time he could spare from the heavy duties of his own hospital, in prescribing and

attending to calls in the Woman's Hospital, for which we tender him grateful appreciation. Mrs. Campbell says:

The year, since our last annual meeting here in Soochow, has slipped away on rapid wing, and now, at its close, we are called to give an account of the work done.

We have the abundant mercies of God, which have been with us all the year, to call forth thanksgiving and praise. He hath shown us some hard things, and "made us to drink," at times, "the wine of astonishment," he hath ever been by to guide and direct.

The Girls' Boarding School has been one of my especial charges this year. I have had the oversight, and though I could not spend as much time in it as would have been best, still I have given all that was possible. Two and three hours in the morning and one in the afternoon has been my plan, but the afternoon was often filled by pressing work in the hospital. Miss Smithey directed the pupils from 3 to 4:30 p.m., during their sewing hour, until China New Year, when we found the matron, a pupil raised and educated in the school, competent for that work, and Miss Smithey took charge of the evening service instead, thus relieving me of the afternoon and evening work, except in cases of sickness. Miss Atkinson felt that she could spare time in the morning that could be spent in my place in the boarding school, which she undertook from the 1st of January, but found after a month that it was too much, with her day school duties and studying, so I took up my former plan. We have a very competent assistant, of whom I wrote in last year's report, a graduate of Dr. Parker's school. He, with his wife, the matron, make excellent helpers. With them to rely on, and the assistance which I have mentioned of the two ladies, the school has fared very well.

We have had excellent health in the school the whole year, only one case of malarial fever, and the child is now convalescing at home.

We have taken in six new scholars during the year, and all have signed papers to remain with us until twenty, excepting two who would only agree to remain until eighteen, which will give one ten years in the school and the other eight. None of them are betrothed. These additions give us twenty-two pupils, but two of the eldest pupils in the school are to be married next month, much to my sorrow, for one, the oldest girl now in the school, is one of the most conscientious girls, either native or foreign, it has been my pleasure to meet, and her influence will be sadly missed from the school. Thirteen of the girls are members of the Church, but were members before I took the school. The whole school is being taught Romanization, which I find very helpful to me in teaching them. They have learned to draw beautiful maps, and spend half of each Saturday morning in map drawing and a written examination in geography. They have also taken up a primary philosophy this year, which they seem very much to enjoy. I found them also deficient in mental arithmetic, so added that to their studies.

Our Sunday evening Bible readings have been a source of pleasure to us all. These are usually followed by singing a number of hymns, often learning a new one. I did not give the summer vacation as usual this year. Many of the girls live in places a long distance from Soochow, and it is both expen-

sive and troublesome getting them to their homes and back, and they had lost so much time last summer during the riots. The schoolroom has been refurnished with new desks and the floor newly painted, and we are ready to give her who may take it in charge the coming year a hearty welcome.

The day schools have had Misses Atkinson and Smithey's care and oversight, and you will hear from them the result of their labors. This branch of our work must bear fruit, if steady interest and effort are to be compensated.

THE HOSPITAL.

The name itself suggests anxiety, and it has called forth many anxious thoughts. During the whole year it has not rallied from the effects of the riots. The people are still afraid that we are here for anything but good. The clinic work has fallen off. The clinic patients for the year were 1,463; ward patients, 44; stray patients, 189; out patients, 14. Total, 1,710; a difference of 634 compared with last year. We feel greatly the need of a lady physician in our work among the women. Since Dr. Philips's marriage in December of last year Dr. Park has served our hospital faithfully. I have felt that often the work in his own hospital was put aside on account of the call from us, but he has never delayed, day or night. There have been many cases which the customs of China forbade his diagnosing; these with my limited knowledge I have undertaken, counseling with him as to the treatment.

The three girls in training in the hospital have gone on in their study of drug room work, and in the rest of the prescribed course, as the doctor has had time to give them; but having his own class of boys, they, of course, had first claim on his time. During the first of the summer another girl from Shanghai entered to take the course. I have done what I could in training them in the nurses' department, but never having had such training myself, I have only taught as my judgment dictated. In cleanliness and attention to patients I think they have had some help; they at least have been kept up to the mark gained from their former teacher. They have continued in English, and read and translate nicely, but are timid in speaking.

The Bible woman in the chapel work has done her best, receiving instruction, however, only as time would permit. I have tried to make the morning chapel service effective in teaching them how to teach others. I regret that I have had so little time to visit patients returned to their homes. Some who have been detained in the wards have heard with joy the glad news which we came to bring them. One old woman who had been for a number of years blind, after an operation performed by Dr. Park and careful nursing, received sight, is now a regular attendant at Church and prayer meeting services, and now and then brings patients to the hospital and friends to the church. Another, a young girl nineteen years old, a very pretty, intelligent girl, was always ready to hear us talk of our faith in God; when suffering one afternoon, as I went in to see her, I heard her praying to Jesus to help her; and when she returned home she made me promise to go often to see her and tell her of Christ. The evening before her death she sent for me. I went, and if I had been her own sis-

ter she would not have been gladder to see me. She asked while I was there, "Kaung Nyang nyang," "Do you think that I may go to heaven when I die?" There certainly is hope for such a one as that.

During the year there have come to me several letters from America, asking if the pastors could not support Bible women on the field. There were two or three Church members in our employ whom we felt could be thus engaged. Talking over the matter with Mrs. Parker, she thought it would be well to thus employ them, and agreed to give them a part of her time, which I feel has been far better for them than anything I could have done, and the report of this work she submits to the Board.

Miss Atkinson has devoted her time to the many day schools, and gives a few items about each :

We have no wonderful conversions in the day schools to chronicle, but I have tried faithfully in God's sight to do what I could to lead both teachers and pupils to a knowledge of God, and to present Christ to them as an ever present personal Saviour.

There are nine day schools in and around Soochow belonging to the Woman's Board of Missions. At the beginning of the year Mr. Hendry took kindly, in my stead, the oversight of No. 7, which helped me a great deal, and for which I have been very grateful. A little later on Miss Smithey took the oversight of Nos. 6 and 7, but after a month or so No. 1 was given her instead of No. 6, which was closed for awhile.

Of the nine schools, I have been responsible for seven during most of the year. No. 2, as we have said before, was in the country and so far away that it was impossible, when we were so few, to give it constant attention. In the spring we moved the teacher nearer the city, where he has quite a full school and is doing much better work. He is situated just outside of one of the west gates in an important business center, and though the children have from time to time been frightened away on account of idle tales about foreigners, he has kept a satisfactory number all the year.

There has been no special change in No. 3. It has been uniformly good. The children are bright, happy, and responsive. The teacher, though young in years, is a constant comfort to all who deal with her, and her faithfulness is a joy to me.

The teacher of No. 6 had even during last year given a great deal of trouble by his inattention to duty and his unwillingness to do the least things expected of him. In consequence, his school decreased in numbers, and he was utterly unable to control the few remaining pupils. We saw that he must evidently be discontinued, so the school was closed at China New Year. The young man who had helped in the English school was sent to take charge of it, but he gave such dissatisfaction that in August a new man was engaged to take his place, and he left. He was a member of the Church, a capable man, and did well for a time, had been in our employ for more than three years; but in the end no amount of persuasion, advice, or warning seemed to do any good, and he had to go; yet it was hard not to be able to do anything for him.

After the China New-year holidays another man was employed to help me in No. 8, the English school. He has done very well, so far, and the school is in a better condition than formerly. I find that the more these pupils know of our religion the more they are willing to know. I can't say that there are any earnest inquirers after the truth in this school, but their attitude toward us and toward our message is constantly growing more friendly, and there is much reason to hope on their account. These young men and boys come from far better homes than the day school children; they are older, and more enlightened. Although they think that Soochow is one of the four quarters of the globe, and many of them would rather not be told any better, yet from a Chinese standpoint they are educated. To give them English is reaching them through the loaves and fishes, but it is the only way of reaching them that is open to us at present. It is a work in which I am much interested, and which I think will pay.

Some of the people near this school asked for a day school to be opened in the community that they might have the benefit of it. The building was large enough to accommodate two schools, and No. 9 was opened there, and the teacher at No. 7 being a Christian, a former pupil in Dr. Parker's school, and having had experience in our work, Mrs. Campbell put him in charge of the new school, and another man was found for No. 7.

The above is a brief synopsis of how my time has been spent during the year. Of course the planning and arranging have been largely in the hands of Mrs. Campbell, whose wise forethought has no doubt prevented many mistakes.

The souls of the unconverted teachers have been on my heart quite as much as the children's. Some of them have seemed at times to be getting nearer the kingdom, but they are not yet in. I pray that they may not have to say: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." I do not think that it is prejudice which keeps them out of safety, but an unwillingness to suffer for Christ's sake, and a clinging to the natural desires of the heart. Four of the present teachers are Church members.

One of the greatest difficulties concerning the children is that, coming from the poorer classes as they do, they must leave school to help make a support for the family, just when they begin to get old enough to understand about Christianity. A few have been received into Buffington College, but the majority go to learn a trade under heathen masters, where the few seeds of gospel truth sown in their hearts have little, if any, sunshine to help them grow.

Mr. Sz, a younger brother of the native pastor in Shanghai, was employed in the spring as my personal teacher and to help me in the schools. He has been a great blessing to me in many respects. He has taken the entire teaching of arithmetic and geography, and in No. 2 he helps much with the Christian books. He examines the children once every two months in the native classics, which we find very helpful. He is a Christian and is careful and conscientious in his work. His influence, both with teachers and pupils, has been for good.

The month of August was spent in Japan. The much-needed rest and change were found, and I returned with renewed energy to my work, thank-

ful that "the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places," and rejoicing at being allowed a small share in bringing China to God.

Miss Smithey has also worked in the day schools, and writes:

The Conference year opened for me with one of the heaviest sorrows that my life has ever known—the passing away of a brother who was as the light of my life. During these days of grief, the words of sympathy which fell from human lips, speaking truer comfort to me than any other, were those offered by some of the older native Christians and some of the girls with whom I have been associated, who, in trying to comfort me, said: "You should not grieve, nor let your heart be unhappy, for your brother is now with the heavenly Father, singing, Hallelujah!" These words, coming from those who so lately had been brought out of heathenism into the light of God's blessed Son, cannot but speak of his power and the faithful ministry of his servants who have toiled before me in this field.

The year has been one of study and work. I have had some work in the Soochow Girls' Boarding School, though it consisted, for a time, only in sitting with the girls in the afternoons while they sewed on their garments, and then Mrs. Campbell gave me the evening prayer hour. Most of my work has been in the day schools. I had charge of two of these. One is a girls' school in the city, and the other a boys' school without the city walls. In these schools the Christian books were recited to me, while the Chinese classics—geography and physiology—were taught by a native teacher. My teaching in these schools has been largely in the afternoons, as my mornings were necessarily given to the study of the language. I have visited the schools in the forenoons, when I thought it advisable, to keep the native teachers up to their duty.

Some of these day school children I have found clever and apt to learn, and they are all fond of singing the Christian hymns, or at least trying to do so. Others were as bad as bright, while some were willing and affectionate, and I hope that I have had some influence over them for good.

I have found it most wonderful how these little ones in China, ragged and soiled though they be, have grown into my heart.

I have also had a Sunday school class composed of day school children.

I was in Shanghai six weeks during the hot weather.

The work that I have done has not been easy, for I have had sickness along with the hard struggle for the language. But to-day I praise God in that he has helped me, for I feel that I am experiencing a little of the joy that must have vibrated through the heart of the man whose ears were opened, and the strings of whose tongue were loosed at the Master's touch, and I hope that with the blessing I may bless others, and praise him in this language that he has opened to me, and tell the glad story, that I long to tell, of his great love and saving power.

The Bible woman's work has been supervised by Mrs. A. P. Parker, who formerly did faithful work for the Woman's Board of Missions in the boarding school in Soochow. We cordially welcome this experienced and efficient worker again as a colaborer with us,

and trust she will long continue her valuable aid. The wives of missionaries, when free to do mission work, can give most effective assistance to the Woman's Board. The following report of Bible woman's work, given by Mrs. Parker, is full and interesting:

REPORT OF BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK IN SOOCHOW.

It has been my pleasure during the last few months to oversee and direct four native women in what is known as Bible woman's work. While I have not been able to go out much myself, I have enjoyed having them come to me each morning with their reports of the work of the day before.

The importance of this work has always been acknowledged, yet the fear that we had no native women suitable for it has kept us from setting any apart for this special work. As we had with us four women who had been in the Church for a long time, and had been having daily Christian instruction, it was thought we might make a trial with them.

One, Mrs. Loh, had been for years in the Clopton School, was married from there to a Soochow man, and after a number of years of married life was left a widow. We feared she was almost too young for so public a work, but as her training and instruction in the school fitted her well for it, we hoped, if she was always accompanied by an elder woman, she would not be thought doing an improper thing in the judgment of the Chinese, and she would accomplish a greater work than in any other position in which she should be placed.

Another, Mrs. Jen, belongs to the Baptist Church, and has been engaged in such work for a number of years, but as her Church had no work for her to do, and she had been sewing for me part of the time and visiting the homes of the pupils of the college, I think she is suitable in every way for this work.

The other two women, Mrs. Oo and Hao-bu (grandmother as she is called by all), were just what we wanted as regards age, but were both able to read only a little. However, as the other two could read, it was thought that they could always accompany one of them, and thus, going two and two, each could supplement what the other lacked. The three women are supported by societies at home. I have been responsible for the support of Mrs. Jen, but as she has worked with the others, I have included her work in this report.

We commenced our work five months ago, having our first meeting on May 1, to talk over and plan for means of carrying on the work. The women are expected each to do a little studying, and every morning go over the lesson with me. The two older women are taking lessons in Miss Safford's "Talks to Women," their efforts being mostly to learn to read the colloquial. I have been especially pleased with the efforts of Mrs. Oo, for though her eyesight is very poor, yet, by hard, persevering study, she is learning fast. Hao-bu can make up in talk what she lacks in book knowledge. The other two women have some more difficult work in learning to read the Ven-li tracts that they sometimes give away. They need to be able to read the books they carry.

Most of their visiting has been in the afternoons, except when going out into the country, at which times they start early in the mornings by boat and take the day for it, and sometimes stay out several days. They seem to enjoy especially the visits into the country, where, they say, nearly all of the people are glad to see them and willing to hear them talk, and ask them to come the second time. They have visited thirty-five different villages, to some of which they have gone again. The two older women have more confidence in themselves when out among the country people. They do not feel then that it matters so much that they cannot read, for they can talk and tell the poor people so much they have never heard before. So, in the village work, they each go alone, and in that way meet and talk with more people.

They have missed scarcely a day in going out, excepting when it rained, and as very little rain has fallen since May 1, they have not been much hindered. A few hot days in August proved too much for them, and sickness kept them at home once or twice. They have been most faithful, and have visited about two thousand two hundred families in all. In many places in the city their talks were not only to the people of the homes they entered, but the neighbors, hearing who the strangers were, came to hear, and in the country they gather in crowds around them, and very often they have a quiet little chat with one or two. They have met with varied experiences and have been asked many odd questions. They say the younger women are not good listeners, and that they seem to care very little for serious things; but they meet with many old women who, knowing that their days are few, are endeavoring, in the best way they know, to prepare for the great change by fasting and prayer. One old lady who appeared very willing to talk about the doctrine had, for a number of years, performed this fast and worship—abstaining from meats and repeating prayers at home and in the temples—for another lady of a wealthy family. The lady was either living her life of ease and indulgence, while securing her future happiness through the virtues of another, or was leading a devoted life, and had taken this way to do a work of charity and also to get double benefit to herself, for the old woman was living on the lady's pittance, for whom to give up her religion meant for her to "upset her rice bowl."

One old lady said she was prepared to die. She had her coffin and clothes ready, and money for the funeral expenses, but as to preparing her soul, that was an endless thing—she could not accomplish that. She had many questions to ask about the gospel truths, and wanted the women to come again and tell her more. Another did not give so kind a reception, but said: "We do not want to hear! What do you come here for? Walking so far, and getting so tired, and spending your strength for nothing! It's of no use! We do not want to hear, nor are we willing to believe. So go back home." They have several times been asked into the homes of the better classes—places where they cannot go without an invitation—and have had some very good talks with the ladies and been treated very kindly by them. These ladies are generally able to read. Everywhere they are asked the questions as to the evil practices of missionaries—their taking out the eyes of the people, cutting up their bodies, sending the children to the foreign

country, etc. They meet with many who have heard the gospel before, either from some foreigner or in the chapels here and in Shanghai, also many of them have heard from some native Christian; so we see that the heaven is working. Some say they believe the doctrine. One old woman said she was praying to Jesus.

There was one case in which we were especially interested. A young woman, Mrs. Li, who said she was, when a child, a pupil in Mrs. Fitch's school, was visited one day. She was in the school long enough to learn to read some, but she said she had forgotten what she then knew, and she wished that Mrs. Loh would come and teach her to read her books. Mrs. Loh expressed great willingness to teach her to read, and she made her the second or third call, but as nothing can be done in China without the knowledge of the neighbors, the Christian woman's visit set their tongues to going, and they spoke out all the mean, wicked things they could think of concerning the "Jesus Church" people, and spoke them in the hearing of Mrs. Li's husband, which made him very angry at his wife for entertaining such visitors, and he tore up the books. She told Mrs. Loh on her next visit that she dare not read her books any more, but that she did believe the doctrine, and hoped she would not stay away from her. It was some time before Mrs. Loh again passed that way. When she did Mrs. Li saw her and called her into the house. She then told her how much she wanted to know the truth, and that she was praying to the true God, but that it made her husband very angry. While they were talking the husband came in, and, finding who the visitors were, was much provoked and made threatening gestures to strike them. This frightened the women, and they left the place and have not dared to go again, nor have they seen Mrs. Li since. Yet may we not hope and pray that if she was in earnest she may still be brought to the full knowledge of Jesus, and to trust in him?

Two of the women took a week's trip visiting some of the villages near Kwen-san, where we already have some Christians. They found everywhere many ready to hear and ask questions. Would that we could have all this city and the country round about visited by the women again and again; for they can get at the individuals and talk to them, which is better for the women than preaching. The Christian women can do a work that no one else can do. Our preachers cannot visit the females of the families, and generally only the women are at home. In the villages the men are, much of the time, in the fields; so who can do the work there better than Bible women? There certainly is a big work before us for the native worker and the foreign missionary. It is a work that must be done before we can look for many conversions among the people. Those who undertake it must make up their minds to endure a great deal that is very disagreeable and trying to body and spirit.

MEXICO.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS N. E. HOLDING,
MISS LIZZIE WILSON,
MISS LELIA ROBERTS,
MISS KATE P. FANNIN,

MISS DELIA HOLDING,
MISS LUCY C. HARPER,
MISS ELLIE B. TYDINGS,
MRS. A. E. MCCLENDON.

Statistics of Laredo Work.—Missionaries, 5; teachers, 11; native teachers, 4; number of pupils and women under instruction, 531; members Missionary Society, 163; communicants, 57.

The work of all our Mexican missions is under the oversight of Miss N. E. Holding. She has recently visited every station, and sends "good cheer."

LAREDO.

From the Seminary, Miss Holding, the Principal, sends the following:

"Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him" are fitting words for the opening of our ninth annual report: "blessing," for so blessing us in the work to which he has called us; "honor," for He has been better even than his promise to "increase us more and more;" "glory," for the beauty that cometh with the knowledge of "His name;" "power," for out of "weakness" He hath perfected "strength." From the midst of "scourge and drought" our last report was given with almost a "shout of victory." During the last year, though in a measure touched by these things, the work shows advance at every point.

Early in January, when we returned with Mrs. Butler from "beautiful Mexico," we found the school under headway, my sister having general supervision of school work, besides teaching the eighth grade. Miss Harper, at the head of the boys' department, had brought her somewhat unruly force into manly order. The military discipline under which the boys were placed at the opening of the term of 1891 has proved wonderfully beneficial. For strong physical manliness and gentlemanly courtesy "our boys" cannot easily be surpassed. Miss Harper has spent her best thought upon them, entering into their aims and efforts with a whole-souled purpose that must win success.

Prof. F. R. Köch, our efficient teacher of music, has throughout the year drilled them in military tactics and kept them under military rule with that rigor known only to imperial Germany. The boys seem to like it, and they have certainly improved under it. You will find Miss Harper's report of this department full and interesting.

The school work under my sister, assisted by Misses Smithee, Norville,

Goill, Allen, and Dillard, has moved forward with great precision and excellency. The graduating class under Miss Smithee, numbering five, were much complimented for the thoroughness of their work, their easy self-possession before the public, and the beauty and simplicity of their essays. Of these five graduates, two are in public school work, two helping at the Seminary, and one married to a native preacher of education and refinement. He is stationed at Saltillo, and both he and his wife are assisting Miss Roberts, one in the boys' and the other in the charity schools.

The School of Music, with Prof. Köch at the head, has become one of the most attractive features of our Seminary work. During the year an unusually large number of pupils, from the wealthiest and most influential Mexican families of Laredo and adjoining cities, have been attracted by the superiority of this department. One incident, the outcome of this fact, is worthy of note. A young girl of sixteen years, from one of the oldest and most noted families of Laredo, entered our school because of the English course and musical advantages. In a short time she became interested in the study of the Word. A Bible in Spanish, with fine flexible binding, was given her; the beauty of the exterior setting enhancing, in her estimate, the value of the jewel within. This Book became her daily companion, which prejudice of "mother" and threat of "priest" could not remove. Not only this, but "father" and "sister" learned to read it with growing interest, finding for it a place upon the center table of the sala in their elegantly furnished home. Sometimes the knowledge of these things comes to us in the midst of trial, cheering and refreshing to body and spirit. Thus every means is used to the accomplishment of the ever glorious end.

The School of Art, under the direction of Miss Pauline Dunlap, has also been one of the effectual "means." The students in this department have shown unusual talent, and by close application and interest have produced many beautiful pictures in crayon, pastel, and oil. The love of flowers, music, art, and beauty in any form is so much a part of the Mexican nature that the sight of the one or sound of the other touches a responsive chord in almost every heart.

Our Sunday school, with its corps of officers and teachers, fourteen in all, and its pupils numbering one hundred and seventy-five, has grown in interest and power. We consider it, in deed and in truth, our one grand opportunity of impressing the truth. We use our Sunday school literature both in Spanish and English, but the Book is in the hands of all. Our Mexican children show an aptitude and deftness in the finding of texts and references that might be the envy of many of our home children.

Woman's work, under the supervision of Miss Wilson, has shown growth and fixedness, especially during the two months of vacation, in which, being free from Seminary duties, she devoted her entire time to its interests. You will find in her report that her heart speaks for the women. What better or nobler work than to be able to enter the homes and touch the lives of the mothers?

At the close of our first term in May it became apparent to all that my sister and I needed rest and change. A strain in the early part of the year before, and *la grippe*, combined to make for me absolute rest imperative.

My falling out of ranks made the burden and care heavier for my sister, and soon she too began to show signs of failing strength. Because of these things we had a five months' rest in our own loved Kentucky. During our absence the work went on: Miss Harper with the boys, Miss Wilson in care of the children in the Seminary and woman's work in town, Mrs. Anderson over domestic department and finance, Miss Norville in the school work with her band of teachers. There was no break. One would scarcely have known that we had dropped out of the great throbbing, ever pulsating mission life. Our work is so rooted and grounded, so well organized, that workers may fail, but the work goes on. We give but a mention of Mrs. McClen-don's day school, as she will tell of it. She grows more and more into the work and into our hearts. The school in Nuevo Laredo, with the native teacher, Asuncion Flores, was during our absence the special pride, comfort, and trial of Miss Wilson. She has given it much prayer and personal attention. The result is seen in increased numbers and general improvement. All "honor" to our Master's name, who has so abundantly filled the year with goodness and mercies!

The boys' department has been under the successful management of Miss Harper. Her heart was wrapped up in her boys and their department, but she was needed in San Luis Potosi, and joined Miss Toland there the latter part of December. She writes of her work among the boys the past year:

Sixty-two boys entered the school this year. In my annual report two years ago I promised that if you would give me more room I would try to make a happy home for my boys and do my best to train them to love a good home, good books, right principles, and righteousness. The appropriation made for the boys' school at your last annual meeting gave them the home. They have been in it for the past five months, and take great pride and comfort in their new quarters. They have plenty of breathing room in their dormitories, quiet, comfortable rooms for night study, a better bath room, and a big play ground. They have done better work in school than during any year since I came among them. They are willing, cheerful, sensible, earnest, thoughtful, and manly. Some of them are sincere and growing Christians. One was received into the Church this year. Another, who has been a working member of our Church ever since the great revival at the Seminary four years ago, has received license to exhort.

Miss Wilson has mentioned to you frequently the faithful service some of them have rendered in the Sunday schools among the poor. I have found the boys responsive, great-hearted, and noble. I love them, and indeed I have done so since the first night I came when they were given to me as my work. No work for them has been hard or unpleasant to me because we have been friends. There are not any more boys just like these.

I have tried to keep my promise to you. I have tried to make their home a happy and helpful one. I have tried to help the boys build themselves up in body, mind, manliness, and religion. And now, after two and a half year's service, believing in my boys, and believing that they will help

Texas, Mexico, and Methodism, I lay down this work, cheerfully, at your bidding, and move forward to another part of the field.

Work among women has grown under the careful hand of Miss Lizzie Wilson until it demands the greater part of her time. She writes enthusiastically of her work:

Quietly, as by the Spirit, the Lord has opened the way for Bible work. I have looked for opposition from priests, but they have not troubled us this year. A door of entrance stands wide open everywhere. The work is more than we can compass. How often has my heart been burdened because, like poor little Tommie's cookies, I "was not enough to go round."

During the year I have seen some of the very saddest faces brighten at the knowledge of a Father's home, and a Father's love.

We need some workers—earnest, willing workers, consecrated women of God—to work among these poor, neglected women and children. Dear home workers, do not some of you want to come and help in this department of our work? A finished education is not necessary, but a heart consecrated to God, full of love and faith, is indispensable. Bring Christ with you, and you will find a welcome wherever you go.

With the cool weather my classes filled up again. The work looks hopeful. A deep interest seems to be spreading among the women, and they are reaching up after a better knowledge of God's will concerning them.

Trying one evening to show them from the Scriptures that all down through the ages God intended a Saviour, not for the Jews alone, but also for the Gentiles; and following the promises as they grew brighter and clearer, we ended with when the Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius. One bright young woman exclaimed: "O that was good! I am so glad!" It was the first time that the true knowledge of God's love had flashed on her soul.

I gave them a little tea party, or rather chocolate party, one afternoon. Fifty-three, besides children, were present, and they all seemed to enjoy it much.

One Sunday afternoon at our woman's missionary band eighteen members and five visitors were present. I did wish that some of the home workers might have looked in on us. After we were through with our business, I said: "If any of you have a word to speak, we would be glad to hear it." My heart rejoiced to see them rise one after another, each in a hurry lest the opportunity should be lost to her. There was not one word of complaint, but many loving words of gratitude and praise. Could you see them, you would think they had not one thing to be thankful for; but they have grasped the one precious truth that, having Christ, they have more than all earthly blessing.

The school in New Laredo has done well. It has had sixty pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of forty.

The West Laredo Sunday school has also done well under the care of Emile Atlee, of the boys' school. It has forty-four members.

The riverside Sunday school is full of interest. When the weather got

too cold to meet under the tree one of the women invited us to her house. When we first went there she had a large picture of the Virgin Mary and a shrine, where she evidently worshiped. Now all of this is gone. We always find a tidy, clean room, and the woman has gone to the trouble to put up a nail on which to hang our Scripture picture roll.

I have been giving them little cards with Scripture verses in Spanish. They never fail to commit them to memory.

There are many things that I would like to tell, but I am afraid this is already too long.

The day school in Laredo prospers in the hands of Mrs. McClendon. The great need is a building for this growing school. Mrs. McClendon writes briefly of her surroundings:

This has been a year full of changes. It began with cold weather and *la grippe*, followed by a long, hot summer, and dengue in the fall; but through it all the smile of God was on us, his blessings in our homes, and the bright and happy days were many.

I closed school at Christmas with 141 names enrolled. After January 1 a few new children were received since my fourth quarterly report, and a goodly number of the children who entered the first quarter continued during the year. Of those who entered in August, 1890, only six are still with me. The Mexicans are a moving race, especially the poor.

Christmas was quiet and pleasant. Two ladies from the Seminary spent the day with me. The Mexican children of the M. E. Church had a tree in Market Hall. Some of the ladies and children from the Seminary assisted them. Miss Wilson labored faithfully that the little ones might enjoy the gifts.

SALTILLO.

Statistics.—Missionaries, 3; teachers, 4; native teacher, 1; pupils and women under instruction, 181.

Miss Holding, writing from Saltillo, says that Miss Roberts, with her faithful coworkers, has brought this work to public recognition by its well-deserved merits. Though the year has indeed been a hard one, full of sickness and trials heretofore unknown in the history of the school, the work has gone steadily forward, improvements have been made, and building done. The four departments have been kept up, all showing increase in numbers.

Miss Roberts, in charge of the schools, gives a brief summary of the work:

Improvements made during the past year: a dining room, art room, two bed rooms, and a kitchen.

Property acquired: a lot 50 feet wide by 143 deep, on a part of which the Parent Board will begin at once to erect a church.

Members of the Woman's Bible and Sewing Society number 30. Meetings

are held twice a week; the first half of the time is given to sewing, and the last half to songs, prayer, and study of the Bible.

One of the greatest difficulties we have had to meet this year has been the scarcity of money among all classes, and the extreme poverty of the poorest class. Children of our charity school often come in the morning without having had any breakfast. For these we had to provide food and clothing during a part of the year.

Women have been absent from many of the Bible readings, because they were owing a small sum for goods, but could get no work to do, and were ashamed to come without paying. My heart yearns continually to be able to give them something to do whereby they can make an honest living, and have a few moments each day in which they can be taught about their immortal souls.

Even in our pay departments, patrons who have heretofore paid well have not been able to do so this year. When we consider these disadvantages we feel grateful for being able to do what we have done.

Miss Tydings, because of sickness, had to leave us in the middle of the year.

Miss Fannin writes:

When I look back over the last scholastic year and try to gather up the *data* it seems that I have little to tell, yet I trust that I have assisted Miss Roberts in her work, if only in being able to fill some of the breaches occurring from time to time. My regular work has been to teach the classes in painting, crayon, and writing in the Colegio, teach outside classes in English, and superintend the women's sewing and Bible class. Since the opening of school I have assisted in every department (excepting music). With Miss Roberts, and sometimes with the girls, I have visited among the Mexicans, and we have been able to relieve some of the sick with our simple remedies. It is pitiful to see their need of good doctors and intelligent nursing. The light of God's truth may be carried to many souls in this way. We have a sweet home, and feel that its influence has grown during the year, and been graciously blessed in many ways by the loving heavenly Father.

The health of Miss Tydings failed in the early summer, and she was called home for rest. When she recuperated sufficiently to return to Mexico it was necessary for her to be transferred to Durango to reënforce Miss McFarren. She says: "Though the work at Saltillo had grown into my heart, I gladly make the change, because Miss McFarren's need of help is great."

Though I know not the way I am going,
Well do I know my Guide.

NORTHWEST MEXICAN CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS AUGUSTA V. WILSON,
MISS MATTIE DORSEY,

MISS KATE P. MCFARREN,
MISS MARY TURNER.

DURANGO.

Statistics.—Missionary, 1; teachers, 2; native teacher, 1; pupils and women under instruction, 80.

Miss Holding tells of her visit there:

As soon as possible after my return from the states I yielded to Miss McFarren's earnest invitation to visit the mission. The rumbling, bouncing old "deligencia" of two years before was now exchanged for the comfort and convenience of the Pullman car on the swift-moving train that put us into Durango in seven hours from Torreon, the junction of the Central and International. The "deligencia"—peace to its memory—gave us two days and a night in which to view the country, study the people, and *rest*. Sometimes it is well when the good old days of yore cannot return.

The purchase of property in Durango two years ago was in every way opportune. The same could not now be bought for twice the amount paid. Facing east and south, on the corner of two of the principal streets, one of which has a street car line, stands one commodious and well-appointed mission home, over which Miss McFarren presides.

Prejudice and fanaticism, a portion of the heritage of this ancient city of beauty and wealth, is somewhat shaken by the coming of the railroad and the influx of foreigners. Miss McFarren, who has stood her ground courageously against many odds, begins to view the field hopefully. The four departments of our mission work have made a beginning. As yet they are small in numbers, but giving promise of future growth. El Instituto MacDonell has a firm hold on our affection, and we are sure, with a stronger force of helpers, will come to the front in numbers, as it now stands for beauty of situation.

Miss McFarren adds:

With the help our new teachers give us we have been able to establish the school on a better basis than ever before. The result has been a decided advance in classes, study, and deportment. We have made every effort to assist in Church, Sunday school, and Epworth League, and have done what we could throughout the year to distribute tracts, leaflets, etc. The woman's work was opened in October, and promises well; but we need more help in the Mexican work, and are thankful to know of the appointment of Miss Tydings to the Durango Mission.

CHIHUAHUA.

Statistics.—Missionaries, 3; teacher, 1; native teachers, 2; pupils in boarding and day schools, 79; total number under instruction, 109; missionary society, 30 members.

In writing from this station, Miss Holding says:

My visit to Chihuahua was shortened by a telegram calling an almost immediate return to Laredo. For this reason I could not go through with the work as deliberately as I would otherwise have done, but I saw enough to know that Miss Wilson had done and was still doing a fine work.

The building with all its appointments is attractive and well adapted to its purpose. The four departments have been in operation during the year, and show advancement. The charity school has outgrown its room, and must soon have another, or an addition to the present one. The famine did not touch the people as heavily or bear upon the work with the same force at Chihuahua as at Saltillo; still they have some evidence of the struggle for bread, and the hearts of our missionaries have been made sorrowful by the sight of misery they could not relieve.

To understand the *status* of our work at Chihuahua, as well as that of all our other Mexican missions for the past year, the famine and distress must be kept in mind; and the thought will be, not what has been accomplished, but the progress made against such great odds.

Miss A. V. Wilson, the Principal, gives an interesting review of her work:

Your missionaries kept the feast with gladness of heart when the 24th of November brought Thanksgiving day, for it marked the close of a year in which the hand of the Lord had been with us for good. All of our college and home building that we have attempted is finished and paid for. It is comfortable, beautiful, and sufficient for the present needs. How pleasant it is! and how we love to call it home! In front is a strong and handsome fence, the gift of the ladies of the Texas Conference Society.

We have a well with a windmill, and look forward with complacency to the dry season, as heretofore our garden has always perished with thirst.

The building erected for our Charity School is already too small for the enthusiastic boys and girls who crowd into it. I wish I could speak as favorably of our pay school. It is small, compared with the other, and we are waiting with hope, but not very much patience, for the time when it shall attain to larger proportions.

The difficulties attending our beginning are things of the past, and as teachers we are sure that no school has better pupils, more attentive, docile, or affectionate, and, for Mexicans, studious.

From the present outlook, we may establish a branch school in a distant part of the city where we are building a chapel. The teacher is ready and the children are numerous, but the chapel has no roof yet.

Our schools consist of four departments: a pay school for girls and one for boys, a charity school for girls and one for boys, with sometimes outside pupils for English only. These, with the woman's work, missionary society, two Sunday schools, a monthly prayer meeting, two Church services every week, some visiting, and many household cares, keep our family fully engaged.

In March Miss Turner was released from San Luis Potosi, and came to re-

enforce Miss Dorsey and myself. Her faithfulness as a teacher, her readiness to help in everything pertaining to the mission, and her talent for vocal music have made her invaluable to us.

After one year of service in the Laredo Seminary and two in Chihuahua, Miss Dorsey was added to our list of missionaries. Her experience and her facility in acquiring the language, together with her success in gaining the affections of the children, stand her in good stead, both with the pupils and among the Mexicans, as she is our purveyor.

Needing a teacher of music, I was very glad to get Miss Laura Blincoe, of Ashland, Va., and I would be ungrateful to leave without mention the organ sent us by some friends in St. Louis. It is the special property and treasure of my charity school.

Our native teacher, Luz Carpio, is eminently faithful, and grows more capable daily. She has always one of the American teachers to overlook and guide her efforts.

I have in training three young girls, two of whom will make good teachers in the future. The other will, I hope, long continue to make our home comfortable, while fitting herself to fill the place every educated, religious woman holds in the world. Besides these, I have an old lady, an outcast for Christ's sake, and a little boy in my family.

Our statistics will show that we have taught thirty-six girls and forty-three boys, with two outside pupils this year; that we have had nine boarding pupils and thirty attendants upon our woman's work. Also there is a Woman's Missionary Society of thirty members.

Miss Dorsey, who has been preparing for some years on the field to do full work, says:

It has been two years since I came to Chihuahua—two years of work and happiness.

The day following our arrival here I went into the Spanish school, and have taught chiefly the Spanish children; but this year I have had the Latin and geography classes in the English school.

In the Spanish school we take up half an hour each morning singing, reading the Bible, and prayer. In the afternoon another half hour is devoted to practicing hymns. The children are very obedient and eager to learn. They never refuse to obey or study the Bible, though many of them are children of Catholic families.

These two years have been years of pleasure to both teachers and pupils. We have tried faithfully to do the best we could for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in Mexico; and though but little has seemingly been accomplished, there is encouragement to hope for success in the future. The children grow more attached to the school and diligent in their studies.

In the charity school the number has increased from eleven to forty-five, with the promise of more for the new year. Miss Holding says I must have a separate building for the boys this year, as they make up half my number, ranging from four to sixteen years of age. They are as easily managed as the girls. The only trouble I have is to get them to sing in the school. They seem afraid of the sound of their own voices, but some are getting over that.

Early in the year Miss Turner was removed from San Luis Potosi to Chihuahua, and sends a few pleasant words of her home life.

The first two months of the past year were spent in San Luis Potosi, from which mission I was transferred in March to Chihuahua. The year passed rapidly, and the close of it found me well, happy, and more interested in the work than ever before. How I long to speak the language freely, that I may do better work!

Our house is one in which we take great comfort. It is pretty but plain. Miss Wilson makes it homelike in that she treats us in a loving, sisterly way—always candid, considerate, kind, and thoughtful.

The school work is pleasant. The children are quick and lovable.

The woman's work, Sunday school work, and Church work are enjoyed more and more as I advance in the knowledge of Spanish.

CENTRAL MEXICAN CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARY.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND.

SAN LUIS POTOSI.

Statistics.—Missionary, 1; teachers, 5; native teachers, 2; pupils in boarding schools and day schools, 108; total number under instruction, 158.

The account given by Miss Holding of this work is most encouraging. She says:

This school is almost without parallel in its rapid growth and prosperity. Miss Toland and her fellow-laborers have everything to encourage them; and though the fair city of San Luis has been touched by the great gaunt wolf, famine, which has made itself felt throughout the republic, the work has gained ground in patrons and influence, being able by its four departments to reach all classes. In the two years of its existence it has outgrown its boundaries, and calls for more room, more money, and more helpers.

The Principal, Miss Toland, in speaking of her work, says:

The past year has been one of peace and prosperity for our work. Our school has increased steadily in numbers, and the pupils have been regular in attendance. Early in the year Miss Turner was transferred to Chihuahua. We were fortunate to get good help to fill the place she left vacant. We have tried to give our pupils what they cannot get in their own schools: thorough instruction. And to that end we have endeavored to get consecrated workers capable of doing good work.

Of the four departments, the girls' school is the largest. Here, as well as in the boys' school, the pupils are required to pay tuition and meet all their own expenses. Most of them are from the best Mexican families and, of

course, are Catholics. At times we have had a little trouble to get them to take part in our daily religious exercises at the opening of the school, but Bible lessons come in the regular course of study, from which no one can be excused; and so far all have manifested the greatest desire to be in these classes. To be certain of teaching the Bible to all, quite a number have been refused admittance who did not wish to enter a grade, but come only an hour or two a day for English. Fifty-six names have been enrolled during the year.

In the boys' school seventeen names have been enrolled. As the large boys and girls have to be kept strictly separate, we have not found it convenient to carry on the two schools in the same building.

The third department is the charity school. Here is a broad field to do mission work. My heart goes out in sympathy to these little waifs. We gave them reward cards to induce them to come promptly to school, and many times some have come without their breakfast. I have not but once or twice given a child food, for I knew that would bring us the very lowest class, and it is better for us to spend our labors on those of better character. Our charity children are the best behaved of any we have. A native teacher is in charge of the room. Thirty-five names have been enrolled, but not more than an average of sixteen in daily attendance. Tuition and books are furnished by the school.

A good work has been done among the women. During the year fifty members have joined the sewing class. Some religious instruction has been given them, but we have not been able to do as much in that line as we wished.

The total number that have been under instruction in all four departments during the year is one hundred and fifty-eight. Of the pupils in school, thirty-seven have at times attended Sunday school. Amount collected from patrons, \$1,575.50. A good many improvements have been made on the house and place to better prepare for the advancement of the work. We have everything to encourage us to go forward looking for continued blessing from the Lord.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF MEXICAN WORK.

Missionaries, 13; teachers, 22; native teachers, 10; number under instruction, 1,171.

SOUTH AMERICA.

BRAZIL CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. H. WATTS,

MISS MARY W. BRUCE,

MISS SALLIE M. PHILLIPS,

MISS LULA ROSS,

MRS. E. E. BRELSFORD,*

MISS MARCIA MARVIN,*

MISS M. ALICE MOORE,

MISS SUSAN LITTLEJOHN,

MISS ANELIA ELERDING.

BRAZIL CONFERENCE.

Statistics.—Missionaries, 9; teachers, 10; native teachers, 4; boarding schools, 2; day school, 1; pupils, 242.

A missionary, writing of South America, in the *Missionary Review of the World*, says: "South America, though perhaps least heard of and least thought of, has its own case to urge, its own plea to make. And surely it has some special claim upon the interest of the Churches of America. It is constituted a mission field by the fact that its predominant religious thought and life are determined by a perverted and corrupted form of the Christian faith, while in the heart of the continent there still remains the darkness of paganism unilluminated by a single ray of the Light of the world. A continent with 23,000,000 of Spanish and Portuguese mixed races, with 3,000,000 of negro freedmen, and 4,000,000 of pagan Indians surely offers a rare field for evangelization."

SÃO PAULO DISTRICT.

PIRACICABA.

Miss Watts, in charge of that work, sends a review of it:

The school year of 1892 began on February 3 and closed December 6. Throughout the year we had in all, counting those who returned and the new matriculations, one hundred and fifty-eight pupils, but for many reasons from time to time one or more withdrew, and so at the close of the session our number was one hundred and nine, though at one time we had one hundred and twenty-two pupils in tolerably regular attendance. Of this number, fifty have attended Church and Sunday school, and sixteen are members of the Church.

Many of the day pupils go to Church and Sunday school when specially invited for special services, but their parents will not consent to a regular

* Home for health.

attendance. They dread the accusation that would be sure to follow—*i. e.*, that they are becoming Protestants.

The attendance at school is quite regular and the interest unabated, and the progress in their studies is good. We can see the improvement made by the pupils of long attendance by noting the difference between them and the newcomers. The written examinations, instead of being a horror to them, are appreciated by them, and the rules for the occasion, though very rigorous, are kept. We passed through the examinations of June and December without a single attempt at communication one with another. Even the little children, who go one by one to be examined orally, feel the importance of maintaining silence and good order. I never feel so much pride in them as a school as I do during those days when the scratching of the pens and a careful folding of paper are the only sounds, and the bowed heads and thoughtful brows are the objects in my view; for I know that their minds and hearts are submitting to discipline, and that they are learning lessons that will fit them for places in the Church, and that will help them on their way to heaven. Under the teaching of Miss Phillips, they have made a careful study of the life of Christ according to the "Harmony of the Gospels" as given in the Oxford Bible. At the same time they have been led to study the relationship between the Old and New Testaments by looking out the references to the former which are made in the latter. Miss Phillips required each one to get a Bible, and, with the exception of one pupil, all obeyed and seemed happy in the possession of the Book of books. With a few exceptions, the children appear to accept the gospel. A few, however, resist its influence still:

We have continued the industrial department of the school with satisfaction to our patrons and pupils, though to ourselves the work has been a burden only borne because there is a demand for it, and because we see that the children are fitting themselves for usefulness in the future. The towels, mats, antimacassars, aprons, and even little dresses for baby sisters attest to the deftness of the fingers and the industry of the makers. The boys are learning to apply the principles of drawing to the execution of various designs for carving in wood as well as the legitimate use of the penknife.

We began the year with three missionaries, four assistants, and four pupil teachers. In May one of the latter withdrew, leaving classes to be cared for. Then in June our principal Portuguese teacher, a former pupil of our school and graduate of the State Normal School, left us to marry. In July Mrs. Brelsford was obliged by ill health to give up her work in the kindergarten. Happily, she had carefully trained her assistant by theory and practice, and so this young woman, Miss Eugenia Smith, was ready to take hold of that department.

We had engaged a Brazilian professor to take the place of the lady who had married, but he was so irregular in his work that I found it necessary to advertise for a teacher. Not having a response, I divided the work in such a way that I could free him from his engagement and take care of his classes more satisfactorily. At this same time another young teacher fell ill, and thus we found ourselves minus another teacher, with her classes to be provided for. Our elastic schedule suited itself to circumstances, and every class

was cared for. In the meantime Miss Moore came to help us. As soon as it could be arranged she formed three classes in music, each consisting of three pupils, each having a lesson twice a week. Later on she made the time to take a drawing class. Notwithstanding the pressure on our time and strength, we prepared an entertainment for the closing exercises, which was appreciated by those present. The most important feature of this entertainment was the original composition on "Education" by Miss Eugenia Smith, and the presentation of a certificate showing that she had finished our course and that she was able to teach a kindergarten.

Besides the Bible lessons, Miss Phillips has most faithfully labored during the entire time given to class work, also having one class after hours in order to get all of her classes in, teaching arithmetic, algebra, geometry, geography, anatomy, English, object lessons, and sewing. Naturally this varied work required much preparation after school hours, the which occupied much of her time. The wonder is that she found time at all for the temperance and Church work that she was called upon to do.

From January 4 to September 19 we were engaged in building the porch that we have always needed but only succeeded in putting up this year. Thanks to the Woman's Board of Missions, we are now protected from the glaring sun and the beating rain that made our large schoolroom a most objectionable place for an assembly and class room from midday to three in the afternoon.

The appropriation for the porch was not sufficient, owing to the high prices of materials and labor; happily we were able to meet the additional expense. But for the expenses of improvements and repairs our school would be really self-supporting. The appropriation from the Board is devoted, as designated, to improvements, repairs, and taxes.

We have four children to whom we give home and school privileges and clothes, their friends occasionally contributing either money or clothes; to two others, daughters of two of our Brazilian preachers, we give home and schooling and their parents meet all extra expenses; and two girls of American parentage whom we are preparing especially to be teachers. There are several who pay in part, and some who pay half. All of these who are favored have household duties. Indeed, they do all of the household work and at the same time enjoy the privileges of children of the family and school, and are learning to be useful to themselves and to society by becoming housekeepers. Each girl in the house has certain duties of a domestic nature to perform.

This year we have not spent a milreis for sewing, as our girls now know how to sew for themselves and are learning to cut out the garments as well. We have reason to believe that after awhile we shall have a nice set of helpers of our own bringing up, and we look forward to supplying other schools that we shall open in other places for the Woman's Board of Missions.

With such constant and hard work it cannot be expected that teachers should keep well and strong always, but with care and discretion we have been enabled to keep at our post.

Miss Phillips has kept up all the year, though at times it seemed more than she could do. Miss Moore has kept quite well. Since the middle of

August I have been indisposed, sometimes sick, but have never remained out of school. I have not lacked "any good thing." For all of the blessings with which the Lord has blessed me and my household and my work I shall praise him evermore.

Miss Phillips writes:

The classes under my supervision have done well in their studies during the year. Their Bible lessons have been particularly interesting. The plan of instruction pursued was, according to the "Harmony of the Gospels," presented by the topic method. The majority of the children have studied with enthusiasm, and most of them are truly cognizant of the plan of salvation as given in the Gospels.

My teaching has been most widely diffused this year, and embraced a number of more advanced subjects than those taught last year. At the end of the term there were several classes who completed advanced studies with credit.

In the home, at the beginning of the year, I introduced a literary society for our girls, which meets once a month. This society has not only aided in developing the ethical idea unfolded by other teachings, but has also given them some knowledge of parliamentary rules.

In literary pursuits, I have almost translated a physiology for school use, which I have used during the term.

My Sunday school work has been one of responsibility—the care of a class of young women and girls, some of whom have joined the Church during the year. I have also had the care of the Church and its premises, which means to keep the church and little Sunday school room sweetly clean; the grass cut in the yard; flowers planted, nurtured, and replanted, and the pavement outside around the church yard kept free from grass and weeds.

Last February Mrs. Leavitt, Around the World Missionary of the W. C. T. U., came to Brazil and planted her first and most flourishing auxiliary in Piracicaba. The burden of this society has fallen chiefly upon me. It required time and thought, as most of our readings had to be searched for in English, and then translated into Portuguese. The society is a beautiful grafting into our own work, and grows at every reunion up to the present time. New members have been enrolled, and there are now over fifty. The "White Ribboners" are beginning to attract attention in this little city. A number of our pupils have united with the society.

The experiences of the year have been valuable, and I feel the better prepared by them for the duties of another.

Received of the Seashore Camp Ground Sunday school ninety-five dollars, as a gift to be used in my work here among the children. The money has been appropriated to the building of a church at Capivary.

Miss Moore, who has been at Piracicaba six months, says in a brief letter:

I reached Rio de Janeiro August 9, 1892, and waiting for company to Piracicaba, went to Juiz de Fora for the Conference, and so did not reach my journey's end till August 20.

I was most kindly received, and feel most grateful for the congeniality of my fellow-workers, and also for the kindness of all with whom I have been thrown.

The first week I had no school work, but later began giving a few music lessons with the aid of an interpreter, a bright little American girl, who is being educated for a teacher; and at the close of school, December 7, I had nine music pupils and one drawing class, giving lessons twice a week.

I have an hour's lesson in Portuguese every day, and study the rest of the time. I am also organist of the Church.

I venture to say that a housekeeper for the school is most sadly needed, for the heavy work of the school is taking the health and strength and youth from the workers.

I pray that my life here may be spent in the service of Christ, and that it may illustrate his teachings.

RIO DISTRICT.

JUIZ DE FORA.

The work of this district is under the care of Miss Bruce. She has had serious trials and discouragements the past year, but God has been with her. The success of the school at Juiz de Fora for its first year is almost without a parallel in the history of our boarding schools.

Early in the year the school at Rio was closed, it having been demonstrated that the yellow fever scourge visiting the city every season made it impossible to establish a permanent work of that kind. It is the purpose to have a day school and work among women in Rio.

Miss Bruce gives an interesting history of her busy year:

In reviewing the work in Juiz de Fora for the year 1892 we may say with the apostle, "We are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;" and we give all praise to God for all-sustaining grace in every time of need.

The year began hopefully, with Miss Brown and myself as representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions, and such assistants as could be secured here. It was most inconvenient to make a small, unsuitable house serve for a large family, as boarding pupils came in to the number of thirty within the first week. In the adjustments we met with many elements of friction. Many of our pupils are from wealthy, influential families, and having been accustomed to a system of favoritism, they found what they termed the "American system" of strict justice very hard. But it is a satisfaction to notice the improvement, many of the girls now having some idea of merit and good behavior. An amusing incident, illustrating this, occurred early in the session. One pretty girl, a spoiled child, sent a messenger and asked permis-

sion for something out of order, and I replied, "No." She sent back the message to me, "Tell Miss Bruce it was *I* that asked to do that;" and when still the answer was "No," she roused the whole house by her cries. It is a pleasure to say that this girl is now one of my devoted pupils, and is quite well behaved.

In February, owing to the fierceness of the epidemic, it was deemed impracticable to begin the school in Rio; so Miss Ross came to stay with us provisionally, and she was most efficient in all she undertook. It was with many regrets that she went away; but we both considered the importance of the work being commenced in Rio during the cool season.

Early in the year the health of Miss Brown began to fail. She grew worse and worse, and in September was obliged to return to the United States. She required much of my time, and for awhile there crept into the school rather a disorderly element, but this happily disappeared entirely before the close of the term.

In August Miss Littlejohn came, and at once began to get ready for work by studying the language, also teaching two English classes.

The attendance for the year is very regular, and there was a fair degree of improvement. The large number of boarders in the crowded houses—for we occupied three—made the work hard, but the results were good.

Religious instruction was faithfully given. At morning prayers the New Testament was read by all; at evening prayers the Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, "Golden Texts," and many other verses were learned; also a regular study of the Bible and catechism was pursued in the school; and at the close of the year nearly all of the girls had their own Bibles.

There were at the beginning of the year six communicants; ten were received during the year; and five remained on probation. With those of Christian families, teachers, and helpers, there were twenty-two communicants in our house at the close of the year.

The matriculation was sixty-three. Of these, forty-four attended Sunday school, and we are glad to be able to say that our school is considered by the people as an evangelical agency.

The financial condition of the country this year has been without precedent; from month to month, prices have been doubled and trebled; yet we have been able to meet our obligations. The entire year our rent was more than double the appropriation, yet we met it from the proceeds of the school. Just at this point attention is called to the fact that only for a short time have we had two missionaries doing full work, all of the teachers, as well as other expenses, being paid from the receipts of the school. The number assisted was sixteen. We have had on our roll eight of the daughters of our preachers, five of whom were boarded, two being entirely free. To help to educate the children of our native people, preachers especially, seems to us very important work.

The greatest need here is a house of our own. It would take many pages to tell of the annoyance to which we have been subjected this year because of our not being independent in this way. It seemed for awhile that the school would be closed on account of this. The climate of Juiz de Fora is unsurpassed anywhere. We have opposition and persecution, but we also have

friends and supporters; and with a good house and good teachers, the future of this school is assured.

We are so accustomed to think of results coming by and by; but sometimes the Master sends a gleam of sunshine to cheer us and assure us that he sees and knows, and blesses the efforts made in his name.

The health of the school has been good throughout the year. My own health was very uncertain early in the year; but strength came "for the day," and now I trust I am stronger to begin another year's warfare.

In the following letter Miss Littlejohn tells of her surroundings:

I left Newport News, Va., the 15th of July, 1892, reached Rio the 9th of August, and Juiz de Fora the 11th. I was anxious to begin studying Portuguese the first thing, but this I could not do until after Conference, which convened the day of my arrival in my new home. It was about the first of September before I began a systematic study of the language with a teacher, but the time was not lost. My ear was becoming accustomed to the strange sounds.

All the friends gave me a hearty welcome, and seemed to be in sympathy with the stranger in a strange land. I knew Mr. and Mrs. Lander as teachers in the Williamston College, S. C., when I was a pupil there. It was pleasant to renew the friendship of the past, and I am sure their kindness to me has had no small share in making me contented in my Brazilian home.

Our school here has labored under many difficulties. The failure in health of one of the missionaries and a lack of a suitable building have made the work doubly onerous for Miss Bruce, who was bearing the entire burden when I came. She superintended everything personally, the details of the housekeeping as well as the work in the schoolroom. It was trying to me to see her do so much. I was impatient to help. But what could I do when teachers, children, and servants all spoke to me an unknown tongue? Of course I know the greater part of my work at first must be in the study of the language; but it is difficult to wait. As soon as I came I took two English classes, and in a short while another. I helped as I could in other ways. These duties with my Portuguese lessons have kept me very well employed. I hope by next July to *begin* to teach in the language of the country.

We are very hopeful as to the future of our school. It is gaining favor with the people, and has developed wonderfully in the short time it has been in operation. The climate is healthful. What we need now is a suitable building and more workers. We are praying for this, and feel sure that in good time there will be an answer to our prayers.

Rio.

A day school was opened in this city, under great difficulties, by Miss Ross. She thus writes of the year's experiences:

On account of the epidemic in Rio last summer it was thought advisable at the close of the vacation for me to join Miss Bruce in Juiz de Fora. My

stay in the College was pleasant. Each member of the household, from Miss Bruce to the smallest child, did all that was possible for my comfort and happiness. The burden of the school was at that time pressing so heavily on Miss Bruce, I would gladly have remained with her, but it had been decided in our annual meeting that I was to take charge of the home and day school in Rio, and supposing that the bishop would expect to find me at my post, I hastened on to that city to have the home ready for the reception of our new missionaries who were to accompany him.

Wishing to make different arrangements, I dismissed the little school in the church and immediately began the search for a house. Only a very unsuitable one could be found, but as the day was drawing near for the arrival of the new sisters I rented it for a time. My plans were somewhat interrupted by an attack of diphtheria, from which I recovered slowly. August 16 I opened school with five pupils, only one of these having been in Miss Marvin's school. By the end of the second month I had nine, and, acting on Bishop Wilson's advice, moved into a better house and took in a few girls as boarding pupils in order to pay the rent, for which no provision had been made. In fitting up the home I was greatly aided by the reception of a missionary barrel from some dear little friends in Montgomery, Ala. There were twenty-one matriculations during the term. Miss Elerding's work was entirely separate from the school, but I have found her kind and sympathetic and always ready to help in an emergency. She also relieved me of some household duties, and toward the close of the term, seeing that I had more than I could possibly do, in consequence of the arrival of new pupils, kindly took charge of one of the little English classes. Twelve of the pupils were in regular attendance in the Sunday school, but there was scarcely one in my school who did not attend sometimes. With the housekeeping, five classes a day, the charge of two study hours, one night pupil, and a sewing class three times a week, I found little time for the study of the language. The work of these past few months has been hard and trying, but it has been done cheerfully and gladly for the Master's sake.

Miss Eldering, who went out in July, is preparing for work among women, and sends a few encouraging words:

I arrived in Rio August 9, 1892, and began to study the Portuguese language the following week. Besides studying the language, I had one English class in the day school and assisted with the housework. I have an interesting Sunday school class of English-speaking girls, and in the name of Him who said, "My word shall not return unto me void," I endeavor to sow the seed, hoping and trusting that it will grow and bear fruit.

My health has been remarkably good since I have been in Rio, for which I am truly thankful.

I have not been able to do much in the line of visiting, yet I am studying the people as well as the language. I am in Brazil, for "the harvest is great and the laborers are few." With divine aid I will do all I can to help rescue the perishing.

INDIAN MISSION.

TEACHERS.

MISS GREGORY,

MISS HELEN BREWSTER,

MISS SALLIE G. DAVIS.

REV. J. J. METHVIN, *Superintendent*.

Statistics.—Under instruction in the school at Anadarko: Kiowas, 42; Comanches, 7; Chickasaws, 3; Caddos, 3; total, 54; besides many woman and children are reached by camp work.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, to whom the Woman's Board owes the success of its work among these wild tribes, sends the following interesting account from that difficult, trying field:

You will see by the statistics appended that the school has increased over last year to a very gratifying degree, and during this session we have had a much more prompt attendance. The pupils in the main have had good health, and are contented and happy. They are making very good progress, too, both in the literary and industrial departments. There are a few who are especially apt, whom the Woman's Board would do well to take and educate in some of our Church schools in the states. I would suggest that you do that with at least one girl in the school here now. She is in her teens, and, as these Indians consider it, is of marriageable age, and I am afraid before long she will be given, *volens volens*, to some one in marriage. If she could be sent away for a few years to some of our Christian colleges till her character was fully established and life habits fixed, she would doubtless be of great service, under God, to the people. Of course, however, this would be an experiment, but one worth trying.

THE WORKERS.

I can only repeat what I have said in the past as to the efficiency of Miss Gregory. She has done must successful work during the year, and can be relied upon all the while. Miss S. G. Davis joined us here in this work at the beginning of the session, but during the fall she taught the little white school, and gave such help in the Indian school as she could during her leisure. She is now doing most excellent work as assistant teacher in the Indian school. Miss Mary McKeelon (now Mrs. Veidt), an earnest, consecrated worker, is our matron and has done well. Having assumed new relations and consequent different responsibilities, she will not remain with us very much longer. Miss Emma McWhorter, with her sister part of the time, has done efficient service in the cookroom, sewing room, and laundry, each, when and where her services were needed. She is now engaged as permanent seamstress. She is universally kind, and both the children and employees in the school all love her. Miss Stout is now in the laundry, and although we have had her but a short while, she has proved herself a necessity, and we wonder how we got along in that department before she came.

Andres Martinez, our Mexican captive brother who was brought up among the Kiowas, is still our industrial teacher. He is a necessity to us. He has the confidence of everybody who knows him, both in and out of the

school. I have never seen a more faithful, sweet-spirited Christian than he is. Having lived and suffered with this people too, he has a real interest in them. We have again Elijah Cerillo in the culinary department, and he is a willing worker. This is a difficult place to fill, the work being most too heavy for a woman of ordinary strength.

John Jackson and Maggie, his wife, two full-blooded Kiowas, are employed as general helpers on the place. I am very much pleased with them both. They are both as smooth and gentle in their manners as people of vastly better opportunities. They take hold readily of all that is pointed out to them to do, and learn rapidly. I am glad to make so good a report of our Indian employees. I have employed a Mr. Sherman Hostic to cultivate the farm this year.

THE FARM.

We have had during the past year in cultivation about 60 acres of land. The produce amounted to about 1,200 bushels of corn, 400 bushels of oats, 20 tons of millet, and 15 tons of native hay. We received as rental 400 bushels of corn, 165 bushels of oats, $6\frac{2}{3}$ tons of millet, and all of the native hay. Had it been a seasonable year, the produce on the farm would have been much greater and the rental for the school more. This year I am cultivating the farm directly by Mr. Sherman, with the help of the boys in school, and whatever is produced on the farm will belong to the school. I know not as yet whether it is more economical to cultivate it directly in this way or to rent it, but in cultivating it from the school directly it gives opportunity to teach the boys in a practical way, by having them help in it, the industrial art of farming. This they need to know, and is really more necessary to them than text-books. They seem to take real pleasure in it too. There are several of the boys fully large enough to manage a plow, and we find they are ready to learn.

This will be carrying out more extensively the industrial feature of the school, and fitting the boys for home and farm life. I am endeavoring to propagate an orchard on the place. I have already about seventy-five young trees, in a healthy condition, set out last spring. I hope to increase the number very largely this spring. It will take money and time to get the farm in the best condition, but it will pay eventually to do it.

THE BUILDINGS.

During the past summer we completed the main building, so that we have ample room for one hundred boarding pupils. We shall need before the opening of another session more furniture both for bedrooms and school-rooms. The outbuildings as yet are insufficient. The barn, 36x44, is ample, and affords room for the stock and for storage of all the farm produce. The building for laundry needs some improvement and a better equipment for the laundry work. The house for storing the farming implements we are at present using also for a storeroom. We shall need to build a storeroom, not large, however, and it will not be expensive. We need also two or three two-room houses for the employees who are not engaged directly in the work in the school, but who are necessary upon the place, such as the farm employees, etc. They are in the way in the main school and boarding building. There are other improvements necessary that need not be itemized here. I will include them in the estimates I send you.

EXPENSES.

The increase in the patronage of the school increased the expenses beyond my anticipations, and hence beyond my estimates. I had for this reason to call in Miss Brewster from the camp work for awhile, and put her into the school, and use the money intended for an extra force of camp workers to support the school work. I hesitated to do this, for I was so eager to have the camp work go on, but it was an emergency to be met in no other way that I could see. Again, I made no estimate last year for clothing for the Indian children in school, hoping that the various societies would by contributions of boxes and barrels of clothing supply this need; but I was mistaken in this, and I have had to spend a considerable sum therefore for clothing. There are other items that have necessarily come in as a part of the work this year that I had not looked for. I have tried, however, to economize and to spend no money foolishly or unnecessarily.

CAMP WORK.

Miss Brewster is now at Fort Sill opening up new work along that line among the Comanches there. Could I find two or three other ladies of her qualifications for such work, I should be glad. She has grace, courage, perseverance, consecration. Her opportunities for camp work where she is now I think will be much enlarged over last year. This feature of your enterprise here is not so apparent upon the surface, but I believe it to be most important, and should be continued and enlarged. It gives freer access to the homes and hearts of these people, and opens the way for a real work in other departments.

During the year eight of the boys and girls of the school united with the Church upon a profession of faith. I cannot tell the depth of their experiences, but they seemed to be much affected, and their lives have been consistent to the extent of their knowledge with perhaps only one exception. I am encouraged much for the future home life of our pupils, from the fact that so many of the Indians are now building homes. More than a hundred houses from one to five rooms in size have during the past year been erected. This is a long stride forward, and while the old people will never live in them much, they will afford homes for these pupils we are now educating, and I look to see in the near future Christian homes kept by these upon whom you now expend missionary money. Now, in closing this report, I want to say that we have not made the progress we would like to have made, and had hoped to make, but we have much for which to thank God and take courage. We have the divine approval upon this work. The presence of the Holy Spirit is felt and known. We look for greater results in the near future. We need, however, to push this work now with renewed effort. Important governmental changes close upon us, affecting these people in so many ways, make it all the more important that we do much in a short while. I tremble for their future, as all phases of our so-called civilization pour into this reservation as soon as opened to white settlement. We need to do all we can in the short time before that comes, to prepare them for it, not by an outside veneering of a pseudo civilization, but the inside renewing of a real grace. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that saves. That is our mission here, whatever other lives we may carry along.

HOME WORK.

HOME WORK, 1892-93.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

THE present outlook of the Home Work is not discouraging. It is true that much of the enthusiasm that attended the earlier years of the organization has passed; but in its place may be found a settled conviction, an abiding sense that the work is of God and *must* be done. The feeling of obligation has not come solely from the fact that our workers feel called to send the gospel to every land, but as well from an intense realization of the spiritual gain to their own souls.

Much remains to be done before the home field is fully equipped for its duty. An auxiliary at every preaching place, a society in every station, and every woman enrolled, should be the object of every officer and member of the Woman's Board. For this each should strive with indomitable pertinacity.

In an unsuccessful effort to find out how many preaching places were without a Woman's Missionary Society in our Church, I ascertained the disproportion in several Conference societies between those which had not and those which had. In one section it was fifty to *seven*. May not an effort, a vigorous, successful effort, change this state of things? Success at home means success abroad; extension here means extension and durability there.

There has been a revision of the roll in many Conference Societies, a dropping of names that represented nothing, giving a more reliable constituency.

STATISTICS.

Auxiliaries	2,209
Members	43,206
Young People's and Juvenile Societies	1,386
Members Young People's and Juvenile Societies	33,190
Total Societies	3,595
Total members	76,396
Life members	1,893
Honorary life members	100
Honorary life patrons	11

The spiritual gain to all who conscientiously observe the Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving makes this special season more and

more valued, and adds much to collections each year. The wisdom that inaugurated the plan of setting apart a week, including the national Thanksgiving, for that purpose, has been fully verified. May special preparation for its continued observance be provided!

Scarritt Bible and Training School opened under favorable auspices in September last, and gives abundant promise of meeting the expectations of those who projected and forwarded the enterprise. There is no question now of its being able to meet a long-felt want in effective missionary operations.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has not disappointed expectation, nor has its efficient editor failed to please its many readers, as month after month she presents a rich variety of information.

The *Little Worker* continues to delight the children, and is widening its circulation, and taking place among the best juvenile periodicals of the day.

The *Evangel*, a monthly, sent out by the Training School, gives something of the daily life of the school, as well as original and well-selected miscellaneous matter.

The best methods should be adopted for advancing rapidly the world's evangelization, and each lover of the world's Redeemer should respond to his last instructions, without fear of failure. Then victory will crown every effort, and all nations know the Lord.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1892-93.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Auxiliaries in the Conference.	Number of Members.	Number of Auxiliaries Organized During the Year.	Number of Members Added During the Year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies Organized During the Year.	Number of Juvenile Members Added During the Year.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Honorary Life Patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day Schools Supported.	Subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate.	Subscribers to the Little Worker.
Alabama.....	81	1,575	12	210	135	1,230	12	157	2,790	8	33	...	...	...	570	293
Arkansas.....	27	577	4	67	74	505	5	124	1,016	1	2	...	1	...	79	...
Baltimore.....	73	1,814	4	74	24	936	1	30	2,750	128	5	2	5	1	426	152
Denver.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Texas.....	41	775	1	18	27	640	2	79	1,415	27	1	...	1	...	300	50
Florida.....	77	1,477	...	...	46	1,146	...	...	2,623	61	...	...	2	...	379	148
Holston.....	99	1,684	...	...	80	2,136	...	...	3,820	213	...	...	...	...	486	370
Indian Mission.....	3	40	...	...	2	...	1	17	57	1	...	...	...	...	25	...
Kentucky.....	80	1,549	9	89	41	851	8	111	2,410	146	6	2	2	...	500	...
Little Rock.....	40	720	4	60	30	1,000	3	75	1,720	43	1	...	1	...	150	200
Los Angeles.....	12	222	...	...	6	80	...	22	302	...	...	...	...	...	186	...
Louisiana.....	21	539	...	...	7	228	...	...	767	20	...	...	...	...	114	...
Louisville.....	70	1,392	6	127	49	978	5	120	2,297	56	...	...	3	...	327	...
Memphis.....	70	1,273	12	8	64	1,839	11	189	3,112	114	8	...	1	1	402	425

Mississippi.....	65	1,600	.....	.....	14	200	.....	.....	1,800	27	.....	.....	.....	300	50
Missouri.....	87	1,416	13	207	36	886	6	136	2,302	106	1	.....	1	458	144
North Alabama.....	65	1,072	8	125	47	1,398	6	132	2,470	30	3	.....	1	289	209
North Georgia.....	221	3,866	20	282	125	2,791	13	278	6,654	175	8	3	4	925	833
North Carolina.....	80	1,899	11	179	91	3,671	10	186	5,570	13	.....	.....	.....	365	.....
North Mississippi.....	81	1,330	17	233	59	1,598	11	210	2,928	31	2	.....	1	474	343
North Texas.....	36	675	3	65	6	168	.....	.....	843	35	.....	.....	.....	227	32
Northwest Texas.....	51	921	16	276	30	1,251	12	417	2,174	33	.....	.....	2	250	100
Pacific.....	26	491	7	.....	9	163	.....	.....	654	4	.....	.....	.....	195	48
South Carolina.....	168	3,176	10	.....	74	2,140	8	256	5,316	70	6	1	.....	850	382
South Georgia.....	163	2,961	11	178	81	1,671	10	165	4,632	12	.....	.....	.....	612	88
Southwest Missouri.....	71	1,368	8	109	63	1,413	5	79	2,781	181	.....	.....	.....	321	80
St. Louis.....	28	780	1	18	18	490	3	38	1,270	53	.....	.....	3	370	.....
Tennessee.....	84	1,530	7	84	28	112	6	101	1,063	77	2	2	.....	418	120
Texas.....	37	684	3	.....	24	631	4	.....	1,315	44	1	.....	.....	270	90
Virginia.....	114	3,177	.....	10	8	209	1	28	3,386	69	.....	.....	2	286	.....
West Texas.....	16	200	3	50	7	203	4	103	403	14	2	.....	6	100	.....
Western.....	6	105	.....	.....	4	110	.....	.....	215	24	.....	.....	.....	23	16
Western North Carolina.....	56	1,350	.....	.....	41	1,400	.....	.....	2,750	27	.....	.....	.....	27	.....
Western Virginia.....	37	632	4	.....	21	631	5	231	1,263	34	2	.....	.....	98	14
White River.....	23	336	.....	35	15	485	.....	.....	821	14	1	.....	1	92	41
Total.....	2,209	43,206	195	2,504	1,386	33,190	152	3,320	75,629	1,890	81	10	29	17	12,940,4328

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1892-93.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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1892. ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Miss M. Goodwin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	525 00
Sept.	13.	Received of Miss M. Solomon, Smedes, Fla.....		5 50
Oct.	1.	Received of Miss M. Goodwin, Conference Treasurer.....		381 16
Dec.	31.	By same.....		750 00

1893.				
April	13.	Received of Miss R. Vaughn		20 00
	17.	Received of Miss M. Goodwin, Conference Treasurer		600 00
		Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.. ..		23 68

Total.....\$ 2,305 34

Of above, \$152.68, self-denial and thank offerings; \$71.69, mite box collections; \$80, scholarships; \$152, Little Worker Fund; \$200, new missionaries; \$500, Memorial Fund; \$500, day schools.

1892. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

May	7.	Received of Mrs. F. Park, Conference Treasurer	\$	72 50
July	19.	By same.....		29 68
Nov.	15.	By same.....		20 70
Dec.	31.	By same.....		55 70

Total.....\$ 178 58

Of above, \$6, Mosely Crusade Fund; \$15, Little Worker Fund.

1892. BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

May	6.	Received of Miss V. C. Massie, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	75 00
July	6.	By same.....		436 31
Oct.	1.	By same.....		527 09
Dec.	31.	By same.....		591 38

1893.				
April	4.	By same.....		867 60

Total.....\$ 2,497 38

Of above, \$120.30, Week of Prayer; \$38.10, mite boxes; \$235, scholarships; \$16, Little Worker Fund; \$63.76, new missionaries; \$100, day schools; \$6.62, Bible woman; \$4.27, McTyeire Home; \$72, China.

1892. DENVER CONFERENCE.

June	21.	Received of Mrs. J. A. Duncan, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	2 45
Sept.	26.	Received of Mrs. N. J. Harrison, Conference Treasurer.....		9 55
Dec.	10.	By same.....		11 40

1893.				
March	25.	By same.....		20 67

Total.....\$ 44 07

1892. EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

May	1.	Received of Miss M. Yockey, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	2 60
June	1.	By same.....		3 00
Oct.	8.	Received of Miss C. Valliner.....		8 80

Total.....\$ 14 40

1892.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	10.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	19 85
	25.	By same.....		261 95
July	9.	By same.....		280 15
Sept.	22.	By same.....		67 55
Nov.	15.	By same.....		26 00
	30.	Received of Susie Key, Juvenile Society.....		5 00
Dec.	20.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....		112 90
1893.				
Jan.	11.	By same.....		59 00
March	25.	By same.....		101 40
April	17.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		3 00

Total.....\$ 936 80

Of above, \$52.05, Week of Prayer; \$6, mite box; \$18.40, Little Worker Fund; \$94.65, Miss Bomar.

1892.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. J. V. Peeler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	533 61
	19.	By same.....		80 73
Aug.	12.	Received of Mrs. S. Veach, Orlando.....		50 00
Oct.	3.	Received of Mrs. J. V. Peeler, Conference Treasurer.....		314 74
Nov.	15.	Received of Agent <i>Little Worker</i>		32 58
Dec.	5.	Received of Mrs. A. L. Woodward.....		3 65
1893.				
Jan.	25.	Received of Mrs. J. V. Peeler, Conference Treasurer.....		863 97
April	14.	By same.....		441 21

Total.....\$ 2,320 49

Of above, \$30.35, Misses Tydings and Fanning; \$83.89, Training School; \$23.75, Miss G. Smith; \$6.50, Cuba; \$50, Misses Haygood and Tydings; \$27.84, Miss Blake; \$118.04, Week of Prayer; \$91.43, mite box; \$97.78, Little Worker Fund.

1892.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

May	30.	Received of Miss M. J. Whitman, Treasurer.....	\$	7 07
June	1.	Received of Misses Oliver, Chattanooga.....		15 00
July	2.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....		504 18
Aug.	12.	Received of Misses Oliver.....		15 00
Sept.	13.	Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton.....		10 00
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....		561 00
Nov.	15.	Received of Mrs. S. C. Martin.....		18 00
	30.	Received of Misses Oliver.....		15 00
1893.				
Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....		894 92
March	15.	Received of Misses Oliver.....		15 00
April	4.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		82 20
	8.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....		834 72

Total.....\$ 2,972 09

Of above, \$106.49, Week of Prayer; \$9.95, mite boxes; \$40.50, scholarships; \$112.59, Little Worker Fund; \$257.56, new missionaries; \$100, day schools; \$60, Bible woman; \$1, Memorial.

1892.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. A. H. Dodson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	16 00
Sept.	13.	By same.....		7 10
Oct.	1.	By same.....		3 10
	8.	Received of Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Secretary.....		20 00
Dec.	30.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler.....		11 20

1893.

Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. A. H. Dodson, Conference Treasurer.....		6 80
April	4.	By same.....		11 00

Total.....\$ 75 20

1892.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

June	14.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	475 85
Sept.	17.	By same.....		711 92
Dec.	20.	By same.....		1,278 16
1893.				
March	25.	By same.....		801 62
April	17.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		1 00

Total.....\$ 3,268 55

Of above, \$534.43, Week of Prayer; \$106.33, mite boxes; \$22, scholarship; \$34.50, Little Worker Fund; \$318.48, new missionaries; \$15, Laredo; \$40, Abbett Fund.

1892.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Oct.	6.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	285	43
1893.					
Jan.	11.	By same.....		190	10
March	25.	By same.....		100	00
	28.	Received of Juvenile Society, Okolona.....		3	10
April	24.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....		144	75
	17.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		5	00
Total.....				\$	728 38
Of above, \$44.65, Week of Prayer; \$4.20, mite boxes; \$99.28, Little Worker Fund; \$68.35, new missionaries; \$3.10, photographs of Chinese girl; \$20, sale of quilt, Winfield Memorial.					

1892.

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

June	29.	Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer	\$	50	30
Sept.	30.	By same.....		34	06
Dec.	30.	By same.....		77	16
1893.					
March	28.	By same.....		39	07
Total.....				\$	200 59
Of above, \$38.33, Week of Prayer; \$2.98, mite boxes.					

1892.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

June	14.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	520	18
		Received of "A Friend," New Orleans, La.....		35	00
Sept.	10.	Received of Mrs. E. D. Headen, Amite City.....		2	20
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....		239	61
Dec.	12.	Received of "A Friend," New Orleans, La.....		30	00
1893.					
April	4.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....		462	47
Total.....				\$	1,280 46
Of above, \$53.30, Week of Prayer; \$41.12, mite boxes; \$39.05, Little Worker Fund; \$35, Bible woman.					

1892.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	438	80
Sept.	13.	Received of Mrs. H. Buckner.....		3	20
	17.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....		437	22
1893.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		647	62
April	8.	By same.....		1,083	18
	17.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		1	00
Total.....				\$	2,611 02
Of above, \$131.95, Week of Prayer; \$57.15, mite boxes; \$120, scholarships; \$4.25, Little Worker Fund; \$481.25, new missionaries; \$40, Bible woman; \$3, Memorial.					

1892.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer	\$	424	81
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. W. W. Hall, Conference Treasurer.....		433	26
Dec.	31.	By same.....		1,224	54
1893.					
Feb.	1.	Received of Mrs. F. A. Butler.....		7	00
March	25.	Received of Mrs. W. W. Hall, Conference Treasurer		70	66
April	1.	By same.....		879	41
		By same.....		6	30
	4.	By same.....		266	66
Total.....				\$	3,312 64
Of above, \$273.28, Week of Prayer; \$68.55, mite boxes; \$296.62, Little Worker Fund; \$21.79, Conference pledge; \$100, day school; \$12.50, Miss Waters; \$70.66, Misses Kerr and Rankin; \$4.30, Mrs. Brelsford; \$26.09, Rankin Memorial; \$266.66, a gift.					

1892.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

May	7.	Received of Guy Summerton, Treasurer.....	\$	4	80
Oct.	3.	By same.....		9	60
Nov.	15.	Received of A. E. McClendon, Treasurer		11	35
Dec.	28.	Received of Guy Summerton, Treasurer.....		5	87
Total.....				\$	31 62

1892.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	9.	Received of Mrs. A. DeMoss, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	177	95
Sept.	7.	Received of Miss M. Andrews, Conference Treasurer.....		72	40
Oct.	1.	By same.....		84	55
Dec.	31.	By same.....		231	55
1893.					
April	1.	By same.....		450	78
	17.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		12	00
Total.....				\$	1,029 23
Of above, \$84.62, Week of Prayer; \$29.73, mite boxes; \$12, Little Worker Fund; \$142.75, new missionaries; \$13, day school.					

1892.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	1.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	381	90
Sept.	11.	By same.....		393	93
	17.	Received of Mrs. J. Barker, Mexico, Mo.....		2	50
1893.					
Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....		434	70
March	31.	By same.....		501	88
April	5.	Received of Mrs. C. Crowley, Lawson, Mo.....		4	40
Total.....				\$	1,719 31
Of above, \$20, Week of Prayer; \$59.15, mite boxes; \$24.83, Little Worker Fund; \$4.40, Mrs. A. P. Parker.					

1892.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	311	00
Sept.	26.	By same.....		467	32
Dec.	31.	By same.....		416	95
1893.					
Jan.	21.	Received of Mrs. G. F. Craig, Town Creek.....		3	16
March	25.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....		977	22
Total.....				\$	2,175 65
Of above, \$54.05, Week of Prayer; \$17.23, mite boxes; \$15.90, Little Worker Fund; \$480.55, new missionaries; \$390, gift from Mrs. Julia Richardson.					

1892.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	15.	Received of Mrs. J. Wheeler, Little's Mills, N. C.....	\$	1	50
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. R. E. Lyon, Conference Treasurer.....		742	16
1893.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		404	29
March	25.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Howell, Conference Treasurer.....		639	00
Total.....				\$	1,846 95
Of above, \$591.72 from "Bright Jewels."					

1892.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs B. Ficklen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	1,095	83
Oct.	1.	By same.....		1,009	98
1893.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		2,588	39
April	8.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		105	53
	11.	Received of Mrs. L. H. Clinton.....		3	50
		Received of Mrs. B. Ficklen, Conference Treasurer.....		2,763	51
Total.....				\$	7,566 74
Of above, \$43.86, Week of Prayer; \$25.19 mite boxes; \$137.25, scholarships; \$444.63, Little Worker Fund; \$1,899.41, Conference pledge; \$45, Bible woman; \$75, day school; \$3, Memorial; \$9.75, Miss Gregory.					

1892.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	9.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	371	74
Oct.	7.	By same.....		366	20
1893.					
Jan.	11.	By same.....		599	44
April	1.	Received of Annie Slaton.....		39	05
	11.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....		679	48
	13.	Received of Agent <i>Little Worker</i>		5	00
Total.....				\$	2,060 91
Of above, \$166.50, Week of Prayer; \$87.62, mite boxes; \$83.79, Little Worker Fund; \$31.70, Conference pledge; \$100, day school.					

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1892.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer	\$	196	91
Oct.	1.	By same.....		211	15
Dec.	21.	Received of Mrs. J. H. Cockrell, Conference Treasurer.....		241	99
1893.					
April	4.	By same.....		232	45
Total.....				\$	882 50
Of above, \$24.20, Week of Prayer; \$14.20, mite boxes; \$39.25, Little Worker Fund.					

1892.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Miss L. Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	417	53
	29.	By same.....		289	51
Oct.	3.	By same.....		298	97
Dec.	20.	Received of Mrs. M. Y. Stokes.....		2	75
1893.					
Jan.	11.	Received of Miss L. Grant, Conference Treasurer.....		443	74
	25.	By same.....		3	05
March	28.	By same.....		308	45
Total.....				\$	1,764 00
Of above, \$58.07, Week of Prayer; \$42.06, mite boxes; \$89.05, scholarship; \$69.20, Little Worker Fund; \$113.34, Conference pledge; \$19.63, Miss Hooper; \$233.95, Laredo.					

1892.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

June	29.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Fentress, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	139	04
Sept.	26.	By same.....		298	58
1893.					
March	18.	By same.....		235	30
Total.....				\$	582 92
Of above, \$54.90, Week of Prayer; \$36.98, mite boxes.					

1892.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

June	29.	Received of Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer	\$	681	42
Oct.	3.	By same.....		953	71
	7.	By same.....		32	22
1893.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		1,422	11
	11.	By same		32	22
April	8.	By same.....		1,501	67
Total.....				\$	4,623 35
Of above, \$190.94, Week of Prayer; \$114.53, mite boxes; \$10, scholarship; \$98.31, Little Worker Fund; \$869.99, new missionaries; \$108.59, Miss Littlejohn; \$5, memorial.					

1892.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

June	2.	Received of A. T. Miscally, Treasurer	\$	6	00
July	7.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....		976	26
Oct.	3.	By same.....		833	24
Dec.	31.	Received of Mrs. S. S. Sweet, Conference Treasurer.....		1,400	86
1893.					
March	25.	By same.....		1,580	00
Total.....				\$	4,796 36
Of above, \$143.17, Week of Prayer; \$16.48, mite boxes; \$56.03, Little Worker Fund; \$15, new missionaries; \$1,113.41, Durango.					

1892.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	21.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Clarke, Conference Treasurer	\$	337	16
Sept.	22.	By same.....		380	21
Oct.	1.	Received of A. S. Van Anglen, Superintendent.....		40	00
Dec.	20.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Clarke, Conference Treasurer		546	34
1893.					
Jan.	28.	Received of Agent <i>Little Worker</i>		1	00
March	25.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Clarke, Conference Treasurer.....		684	91
Total				\$	1,989 62
Of above, \$247.99, Week of Prayer; \$11.86, mite boxes; \$120, scholarships; \$30.20, Little Worker Fund; \$35.75, day school; \$2.20, Memorial.					

1892.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

June 29.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	247 43
Oct. 1.	By same.....		129 08
Dec. 31.	By same.....		214 42
1893.			
March 25.	By same.....		328 68
	Total.....	\$	919 61
Of above, \$116.98, Week of Prayer; \$10.23, mite boxes; \$129.85, scholarships; \$4.80, Little Worker Fund; \$2, new missionaries; 65 cents, Miss Bruce.			

1892.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

June 29.	Received of Mrs. J. Adams, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	697 99
Sept. 26.	By same.....		435 08
Dec. 30.	By same.....		741 95
1893.			
March 28.	By same.....		1,051 75
April 4.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		82
	Total.....	\$	2,927 59
Of above, \$189.80, Week of Prayer; \$48.98, mite boxes; \$16.91, Little Worker Fund; \$500, new missionaries; \$38.20, McTyeire Home.			

1892.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

May 7.	Received of Mrs. E. Shook, Bonham.....	\$	2 00
June 25.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....		246 58
Sept. 26.	By same.....		310 18
Dec. 30.	By same.....		447 95
1893.			
Jan. 11.	By same.....		25 20
March 16.	By same.....		359 28
	Total.....	\$	1,391 19
Of above, \$74.65, Week of Prayer; \$13.33, mite boxes; \$44, Little Worker Fund; \$324.65, new missionaries; \$7, Chihuahua fence; \$5.20, Anadarko; \$2.50, Training School.			

1892.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

June 14.	Received of Mrs. C. Gurley, Norfolk.....	\$	12 59
21.	Received of Miss B. Pollard, Portsmouth.....		3 15
July 2.	Received of Mrs. A. W. Nowland, Conference Treasurer.....		785 34
Oct. 1.	By same.....		981 21
Nov. 30.	By same.....		577 39
	Received of Mrs. J. Hayes.....		40 00
Dec. 31.	Received of Mrs. A. W. Nowland, Conference Treasurer.....		558 70
1893.			
April 1.	By same.....		931 55
	Total.....	\$	3,889 93
Of above, \$25, machine; \$178.03, Week of Prayer; \$259.50, mite boxes; \$203.55, scholarships; \$120.32, day schools; \$120, Bible woman.			

1892.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Oct. 1.	Received of Mrs. S. A. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	235 80
Dec. 20.	By same.....		94 50
1893.			
March 25.	Received of Mrs. L. A. Bass, Conference Treasurer.....		120 25
	Total.....	\$	450 55
Of above, \$48.80, Week of Prayer; \$15.25, mite boxes; 50 cents, Memorial; \$18, Conference pledge; \$88.85, Laredo.			

1892.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

July 6.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Barker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	28 00
Sept. 16.	By same.....		58 51
1893.			
Jan. 3.	By same.....		10 70
March 25.	By same.....		19 84
	Total.....	\$	117 05
Of above, \$6.64, mite boxes.			

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1892. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	6.	Received of Mrs. W. R. O'Dell, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	504	10
	23.	Received of Eliza Johnson, Concord		2	00
July	2.	Received of Mrs. W. R. O'Dell, Conference Treasurer.....		358	81
Sept.	26.	Received of Mrs. J. W. Allsbaugh, Conference Treasurer.....		640	83
Dec.	30.	By same.....		372	37
1893.					
March	25.	By same.....		457	88
April	5.	By same.....		8	00
Total.....				\$	2,343 99

Of above, \$122.31, Week of Prayer; \$75.81, mite boxes; \$8, Little Worker Fund; \$219.49, new missionaries; \$40, Miss Rankin's school; \$20.76, Bumpass lectureship; \$5, Memorial; \$146.90, from "Light Bearers."

1892. WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Miss A. M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	98	53
Oct.	6.	By same.....		57	52
1893.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		210	14
April	4.	By same.....		402	06
Total.....				\$	768 25

Of above, \$77.84, Week of Prayer; \$6.60, mite boxes; \$5, Little Worker Fund; \$24.99, new missionaries.

1892. WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	112	02
Oct.	3.	By same.....		98	85
1893.					
Jan.	10.	By same.....		205	97
April	4.	By same.....		222	38
Total.....				\$	639 22

Of above, \$17.82, Week of Prayer; \$1.80, mite boxes; \$63.25, new missionaries; \$72.51, Little Worker Fund.

1892. MISCELLANEOUS.

May	6.	Received of Miss Belle Bennett, Agent, refunded.....	\$	100	00
July	1.	Received of Commercial National Bank, interest.....		297	61
	9.	Received of Miss A. Elderling, refunded		80	
Aug.	9.	Received of Rev. H. C. Tucker, account of wife.....		150	00
	26.	Received of "Circle Christian Love," for Miss Waters		600	00
Oct.	1.	Received of First National Bank, interest		920	00
		Received of City Savings Bank, interest.....		296	66
		Received of Commercial National Bank, interest.....		88	47
	24.	Received of Agent <i>Little Worker</i> , Fredericktown.....		5	75
Nov.	15.	Received of Agent <i>Little Worker</i> , Saguache, Colo.....		3	00
	30.	Received of Washington Church, near Fayette, Mo., for Brazil.....		20	00
1893.					
Jan.	1.	Received of Commercial National Bank, interest.....		64	37
	25.	Received of Miss A. M. Barnes.....		8	95
Feb.	21.	Received of Miss R. V. Cloud, Treasurer Memorial Fund.....		25	87
	23.	Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, from sale of Treasurer's books.....		35	60
April	17.	Received of City Savings Bank, interest.....		301	56
	18.	Received of First National Bank, interest.....		1,009	95

Total..... \$3,927 59
Of above, \$17.70, Little Worker Fund.

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1892.			
May	3.	Paid Miss Mason, special.....	\$ 112 23
		Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....	80 08
		Paid Mrs. A. E. McClendon, special.....	50 00
		Paid Miss Bruce, special.....	50 00
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
	21.	Paid Miss Haygood, special.....	60 00
	23.	Paid Miss A. Waters, special.....	25 00
		Paid China draft, third quarter, 1891-92.....	3,947 35
	26.	Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
June	3.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill.....	150 38
		Paid Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, postage on mite-boxes.....	40 00
	10.	Paid Miss K. L. Peck, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	13 40
		Paid Miss A. Elerding, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	17 30
		Paid Miss S. P. Blake, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	15 00
		Paid Mrs. J. A. Gaither, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	25 00
		Paid Miss A. Elerding, outfit and travel to Brazil.....	425 00
		Paid Miss A. Moore, outfit and travel to Brazil.....	425 00
		Paid Miss S. Littlejohn, outfit and travel to Brazil.....	425 00
		Paid H. C. Tucker, steamer berths.....	75 00
		Paid Miss M. Bomar, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	19 00
		Paid Miss B. Spragne, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	22 40
		Paid Miss A. Moore, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	25 00
		Paid Miss E. Gary, outfit and expenses to Annual Meeting.....	230 00
		Paid Miss S. Littlejohn, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	32 00
		Paid Mrs. J. A. Gaither, outfit, China.....	200 00
		Paid Miss B. Hughes, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	20 00
	13.	Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, expenses in Mexico.....	100 00
	15.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, boys' work, Laredo.....	5,000 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, dining room, Saltillo.....	750 00
	18.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, office expenses.....	200 00
	20.	Paid expenses of officers and managers at Board meeting.....	154 79
	21.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	22 95
	23.	Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, postage and express.....	3 74
		Paid Miss L. Haygood, Bible woman.....	35 00
		Paid Miss Holding, special.....	37 00
		Paid Miss Holding, special.....	75 00
	29.	Paid Miss Holding, fourth quarter Mexico.....	6,322 50
		Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Chihuahua.....	712 50
		Paid Miss S. Davis, outfit and travel to Muskogee.....	100 00
June	29.	Paid J. J. Methvin, fourth quarter Indian Mission.....	2,712 50
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, fourth quarter Piracicaba.....	781 25
		Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, fourth quarter Rio and Juiz de Fora.....	1,587 50
July	2.	Paid T. B. Holt, Treasurer, specials (M. Hill and Miss Gaines).....	50 00
	5.	Paid Miss B. Hughes, half salary.....	93 75
		Paid Miss Roberts, health trip Miss Tydings.....	150 00
		Paid Miss Roberts, special.....	20 30
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	350 00
	9.	Paid Miss E. Gary, expenses to China.....	400 00
		Paid Mrs. J. A. Gaither, expenses to China.....	400 00
		Paid Miss B. Hughes, expenses to China.....	400 00
		Paid Miss S. Reynolds, outfit and expenses to China.....	600 00
		Paid Miss M. Bomar, outfit and expenses to China.....	600 00
		Paid Miss A. Waters, outfit and expenses to China.....	600 00
		Paid Miss S. P. Blake, outfit and expenses to China.....	600 00
		Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course.....	100 00
		Paid Miss M. Pyles, outfit and expenses to China.....	600 00
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, expenses of Mrs. Brelsford home.....	300 00
	11.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	1 85
	21.	Paid Miss S. P. Reynolds, expenses to Annual Meeting.....	26 05
		Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....	66 88
Aug.	2.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, office expenses.....	100 00
		Paid Miss E. Tydings, special.....	50 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, leaflet account.....	62 50

1892.

Aug.	9.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, special.....	\$ 28 50
		Paid G. C. Wolfe, copying will.....	3 05
		Paid Miss L. Blinco, expenses to Chihuahua.....	50 00
	22.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	23 76
	23.	Paid American Tract Society, leaflet account.....	3 00
		Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, building at Chihuahua.....	500 00
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflets, reports, and postage.....	182 03
	30.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, well for Chihuahua.....	200 00
Sept.	7.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing.....	61 50
	8.	Paid Miss K. C. McFarren, work at Durango.....	1,500 00
	10.	Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	150 00
	20.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, reports, express, etc.....	703 15
	21.	Paid Miss Holding, first quarter Laredo.....	2,550 00
		Paid Miss L. Roberts, first quarter Saltillo.....	1,112 50
		Paid Miss Wilson, first quarter Chihuahua.....	987 50
		Paid Miss McFarren, first quarter Durango.....	635 00
		Paid Miss R. Toland, first quarter San Luis Potosi.....	812 50
		Paid Miss J. J. Methvin, first quarter Indian Mission.....	825 00
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, first quarter Piracicaba.....	575 00
		Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, first quarter Rio and Juiz de Fora.....	1,650 00
	27.	Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course.....	250 00
	28.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, leaflet account.....	50 00
Oct.	1.	Paid Miss E. Tydings, salary.....	50 00
	3.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, leaflet account.....	75 00
	6.	Paid Constitution Job Office, leaflet account.....	4 25
		Paid D. Lothrop Co., leaflet account.....	5 50
	7.	Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....	15 00
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	100 00
		Paid China draft, fourth quarter.....	3,830 00
	25.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet account.....	42 91
Nov.	9.	Paid Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, travel for self and Miss Brown.....	125 00
Dec.	5.	Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
		Paid Miss E. Tydings, special.....	25 00
	13.	Paid China draft, first quarter.....	5,417 50
	15.	Paid Miss Holding, second quarter Mexico.....	4,960 00
		Paid Miss Wilson, second quarter Chihuahua.....	987 50
	22.	Paid Mrs. Brelsford, home salary.....	93 75
	27.	Paid Miss L. Haygood, special.....	25 00
	30.	Paid J. J. Methvin, second quarter Indian Mission, and #25 machine for Miss Brewster.....	850 00
		Paid Miss M. H. Watts, second quarter Piracicaba.....	687 50
		Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, second quarter Rio and Juiz de Fora.....	1,492 50
1893.			
Jan.	6.	Paid Miss L. Rankin, special.....	50 00
	9.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, postage.....	5 71
		Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	2 19
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
	10.	Paid Mrs. S. Noland, Treasurer, refunded.....	11 50
		Paid Miss L. Harper, special.....	16 58
		Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....	35 00
		Paid Miss L. Ross, Rio work.....	250 00
		Paid Agent <i>Little Worker</i> , six subscribers to paper.....	1 50
	16.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet account.....	334 64
		Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, envelopes and receipts for Treasurer.....	5 00
	17.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, leaflet account.....	22 50
	24.	Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course.....	150 00
	27.	Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....	79 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, special.....	75 00
		Paid Miss Wilson, special.....	7 00
		Paid Miss E. B. Tydings, special.....	15 00
		Paid Miss L. C. Harper.....	3 05
Feb.	6.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, office expenses.....	25 00
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....	50 00
	7.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, expense Miss Harper, San Luis Potosi.....	34 00
	17.	Paid American Paper Company, mite boxes.....	91 31
	21.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	60
		Paid F. A. Butler, Jr., drawing maps.....	45 00
March	2.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for a teacher at San Luis Potosi.....	150 00
		Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, expenses <i>Little Worker</i>	40 06
	6.	Paid Miss L. C. Harper, special.....	33 95
	9.	Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, livery bill attending Board meeting.....	3 00
	18.	Paid China draft, second quarter.....	5,230 00
		Paid China draft, special.....	100 00
	28.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, leaflet account.....	40 00
April	1.	Paid Miss S. Phillips, third quarter Piracicaba.....	500 00
		Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, third quarter Rio and Juiz de For.....	1,637 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, third quarter, Laredo.....	2,362 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, third quarter Saltillo.....	925 00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, third quarter Durango.....	822 50
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, third quarter San Luis Potosi.....	900 00

1893.

April	1.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, third quarter Chihuahua.....	\$	987	50
		Paid Miss L. Roberts, special.....		18	75
		Paid J. J. Methvin, third quarter Indian Mission.....		825	00
		Paid J. J. Methvin, special.....		5	20
		Paid Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, home salary.....		93	75
		Paid Miss C. Kennedy, clerical help.....		50	00
		Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, office expenses.....		25	00
	8.	Paid Mrs. A. P. Parker, special.....		4	00
	15.	Paid Miss B. Bennett, Treasurer Training School.....		90	89
		Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, office expenses.....		10	00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, on third quarter San Luis Potosi.....		100	00
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, special, Saltillo.....		25	35
		Paid Miss N. E. Holding, special, Laredo.....		9	00
				\$	78,838 13

RECAPITULATION.

Balance, April 18, 1892.....			\$	93,991	73	
Amount received for fiscal year 1892-93.....				71,199	12	
						\$165,190 85
Amount paid out fiscal year 1892-93.....				78,838	13	
						\$ 86,352 72
Amount in banks April 18, 1893.....						
Commercial National Bank.....			\$	12,585	03	
City Savings Bank.....				15,380	39	
First National Bank.....				58,387	30—	86,352 72
In this balance \$86,352.72 is included China draft third						
quarter accepted payable at First National Bank.....						
Memorial Fund from last year.....	\$	2,895	18	\$	6,038	11
Four per cent. interest.....			115	81		
Receipts for year.....			59	82	3,070	81
Due to fourth quarter appropriations 1892-93.....					14,190	00—
						23,298 92
Amount in banks unappropriated April 18, 1893.....						\$63,053 80
Mite boxes, collections for fiscal year.....			\$	1,460	37	✓
Week of Prayer collection.....				3,810	14	✓
Collected by "Little Workers".....				1,967	53	

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$	4,014	27
1879-80.....		13,775	97
1880-81.....		19,362	10
1881-82.....		25,609	44
1882-83.....		29,647	31
1883-84.....		38,873	52
1884-85.....		52,652	12
1885-86.....		51,588	76
1886-87.....		50,092	63
1887-88.....		69,729	65
1888-89.....		68,165	34
1889-90.....		75,476	54
1890-91.....		85,969	44
1891-92.....		66,448	59
1892-93.....		71,199	12
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		\$722,604	80

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. N. MCTYRE, *Treasurer.*

Examined and reported upon May 1, 1893.

See report to the Board.

THOMAS S. WEAVER, *Auditor;*
T. B. HOLT, *Treasurer,*
Board of Missions M. E. Church, South.

Receipts for foreign work 1892-93.....	\$	71,199	12
Receipts for Scarritt Bible and Training School 1892-93.....		28,090	53
Total receipts 1892-93 ..		\$	99,289 65

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Receipts from April 18, 1892, to April 18, 1893.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,305 34	North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 7,566 74
Arkansas Conference.....	178 58	North Mississippi Conference.....	2,040 91
Baltimore Conference.....	2,497 38	North Texas Conference.....	882 50
Denver Conference.....	44 07	Northwest Texas Conference.....	1,764 00
East Columbia Conference.....	14 40	Pacific Conference.....	582 92
East Texas Conference.....	936 80	South Carolina Conference.....	4,623 35
Florida Conference.....	2,320 49	South Georgia Conference.....	4,796 36
Holston Conference.....	2,972 09	Southwest Missouri Conference.....	1,989 62
Indian Mission Conference.....	75 20	St. Louis Conference.....	919 61
Kentucky Conference.....	3,268 55	Tennessee Conference.....	2,927 59
Little Rock Conference.....	728 38	Texas Conference.....	1,391 19
Los Angeles Conference.....	200 59	Virginia Conference.....	3,889 93
Louisville Conference.....	2,611 02	West Texas Conference.....	450 55
Louisiana Conference.....	1,289 46	Western Conference.....	117 05
Memphis Conference.....	3,312 64	Western North Carolina Conference.....	2,343 99
Mexican Border Conference.....	31 62	Western Virginia Conference.....	768 25
Mississippi Conference.....	1,029 23	White River Conference.....	639 22
Missouri Conference.....	1,719 31	Miscellaneous.....	3,927 59
North Alabama Conference.....	2,175 65		
North Carolina Conference.....	1,846 95	Total this year.....	\$71,199 12

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

IN the annals of the Woman's Board of Missions the fifteenth annual meeting will ever hold a unique position because held in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, the property of the Board, and an incontrovertible witness to the faith, prayer, and works of its members.

He who knows the heart of humanity has said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Then is it strange that, in going to this meeting, new feelings thrilled the hearts of the members as they journeyed from afar to this Mecca where such wealth of love and prayers and gifts had preceded them? In other journeyings to annual gatherings they had gone as strangers, expecting welcome as messengers of Him in whose name they had been invited; in this the Board was coming to enjoy its own, the mother was coming for the first time to visit the child of her love. Ah! these first times! The first remembered joy, the first grief, the first sin, the first knowledge of sins forgiven—how they stand out in life's history! And so this first meeting in the school planned primarily for the training of missionaries of the Board will stand out in memory as one link in a chain of *first* meetings. The organization meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in 1878; the first annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., in 1879; the first meeting in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., in 1893—a trio of names and dates inciting to faith and to good works!

But as in our life of contrasts sunshine and shadow are ever intermingled, so in this meeting there was a sense of loss. For the first time since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society the venerable and venerated President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, was absent. She who was one of the moving spirits at Atlanta and had

done heroic work in organization, she who had presided at Louisville and at all subsequent meetings, was prevented by age and increasing infirmities from attendance at this meeting, which she would have enjoyed so much; and the hearts of the members who love her were saddened by the thought that in all probability "the present held the prophecy of the future" in regard to her attendance.

The meeting was marked by sociability and spirituality. To promote these essential elements and to facilitate business the Committee of Arrangements had decided to entertain the members of the Board in the Training School and the immediate neighborhood, the expense of entertainment to be met by the principal Churches of the M. E. Church, South, in Kansas City. Twenty-six delegates and visitors were entertained in the building, and during the session dinner was served to the entire Board and visitors, all except the guests in the vicinity remaining also to tea.

In the commodious building there was ample space for committee rooms and for social reunions. All business sessions were convened in Memorial Chapel. Evening meetings, except the consecration service on Saturday night, were held in Melrose Church, three blocks distant. The comfort and convenience of the members were cared for as would not be possible elsewhere, unless, as an enthusiastic visitor suggested, "the Training School could be put on wheels and taken to the annual meetings!" There was concert of action in many directions to contribute to the success of the meeting. Three Church choirs willingly lent their voices at the public meetings, and to the choirs of Melrose, Centenary, and Troost Avenue Churches the Board is indebted for delightful music. Melrose Church also furnished the pages—Helen Hendrix and Florence Clark—who lightened the cares and added to the enjoyment of the Board by their ready attention to their duties during the entire session.

There were present as visitors at the meeting Bishop Wilson; Bishop Hendrix; Rev. J. J. Methvin, missionary to the Indian tribes; Miss M. H. Watts, Miss Marcia Marvin, Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, returned missionaries of the Woman's Board of Missions; Dr. Margaret Polk, medical missionary elect of the Board; Mrs. A. H. Stockard, President of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society; Mrs. A. W. Wilson and Mrs. E. R. Hendrix, the wives of two of our bishops; Mrs. E. W. Wolff, of St. Louis; and many missionary workers and ministers, who were welcomed with pleasure.

The Committee on Revision, ordered by the Board at its fourteenth annual session, held an all day meeting on Thursday, June 1; the preliminary meeting of officers and managers was held at 10 A.M., Friday, June 2; the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School assembled in annual meeting on Saturday, June 3, at 2:30 P.M.

The opening session of the fifteenth annual meeting was held in Melrose Church on Friday, June 2, at 8 o'clock. A telegram from the Vice President, who was expected to preside in the absence of the President, and who had been chosen to make the response to the addresses of welcome, stating that she could not arrive before Saturday morning, owing to detention on the railroad, necessitated some changes in the program. On Mrs. S. N. Jones, Corresponding Secretary of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society, devolved the pleasant duty of presiding; and on Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Corresponding Secretary of the North Alabama Conference Society, was laid the responsibility of responding, on very brief notice, to two addresses of welcome.

PROGRAM.

1. ANTHEM by the choir of Melrose Church.
2. HYMN: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."
3. PRAYER. Bishop E. R. Hendrix.
4. SCRIPTURE LESSON. Philippians i. Bishop Hendrix.
5. MUSIC. Duet: Miss Anna Doyle and Miss Eva Case.
6. ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY. Mrs. Henry Chick.
7. WELCOME TO THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.
Miss M. L. Gibson, Principal.
8. MUSIC by the choir.
9. RESPONSE FOR THE BOARD. Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Huntsville, Ala.
10. HYMN: "See Heathen Nations Bending."
11. BENEDICTION.

The pretty church wore a holiday garb, being tastefully decorated with flowers. The music by the choir was sweet, reflecting credit on the members and giving pleasure to the hearers. The addresses of welcome were brimful of hospitality and felicitous in expression. Mrs. Brandon in responding had a task unexpected, and undesired by the average woman; but she rose to the situation

grandly, showing herself apt in illustration and fertile in resources. Her response was altogether delightful.

The formal service was short, and was followed by an informal social reunion, affording old friends sweet communion and new acquaintances opportunity for interchange of courtesies.

The consecration service in Memorial Chapel on Saturday night was a meeting to be remembered but not described—fitly closing the week and making the heart ready for the services of the Lord's day.

Sunday was a notable day, although a heavy rain threatened to prevent the morning service. At 11 o'clock Bishop A. W. Wilson preached the annual sermon before the Board, in Melrose Church. His text was Luke xxiv. 45-47. The sermon was powerful, the truths mighty, and the effect inspiring. It made one long to spread abroad among the nations the glory of the risen Christ.

The sermon was followed by the communion, administered by Bishop Wilson, Bishop Hendrix, Rev. W. H. McClure, pastor of Centenary Church, and Rev. C. M. Bishop, pastor of Melrose Church.

The Centenary Church members and choir united in the worship at Melrose that day, by request of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, who had asked their pastor to hold no morning service at Centenary; and as the choir with beautiful, well-trained voices "made melody unto the Lord," the hearts of the worshipers might well give him praise for one of his wonderful gifts—the human voice.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the children's mass meeting was addressed by Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Editor of the *Little Worker*; Miss Marcia Marvin, returned missionary from Brazil; and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society, and widow of the noble missionary who went to heaven from Mexico some years ago. The speakers were interesting, the audience was interested, and the meeting was delightful.

On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Miss M. H. Watts, an honored missionary of the Woman's Board, who has given twelve years of able service in Brazil, made a fine address on the needs of that field and the work that is being done there. Her words brought to her hearers a new sense of responsibility toward that land of superstition and mariolatry.

At the same hour a meeting at Troost Avenue Church in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society was presided over by Bishop Hendrix and was addressed by Mrs. M. D. Wightman.

At Washington Street Church and at Campbell Street Mission similar meetings were held by invitation of the pastors, the former being addressed by Miss Marcia Marvin and the latter by Mrs. C. W. Brandon.

These meetings were planned to quicken interest in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. In the great day of accounts, we doubt not that some who will give an account of their stewardship will date a new impulse toward missionary effort from that evening.

Monday evening, June 5, the anniversary was held, at which the annual report of the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, was read. That paper, always full of interest, seemed more than ever a bugle call to an onward march.

Mrs. H. N. McTyeire presented her annual report as Treasurer.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary of Home Affairs, read a summary of the home work of the Society—facts and figures full of interest.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman, as presiding officer, closed with an address timely and effective, full of thought and of eloquence born of earnestness.

The missionary love feast on Tuesday evening was another meeting that cannot be described with justice. Mrs. A. W. Wilson presided, and her opening words, forceful and spiritual, led the thought of the hour upward until the place was holy. The experiences were rich and varied, and the hour grew late before the benediction was pronounced.

On Wednesday night, June 7, the anniversary exercises of the Scarritt Bible and Training School claimed the attention of the Board. The choir of Troost Avenue Church added to the pleasure of the occasion. The opening address was made by Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent and Treasurer, who appropriately introduced the subject of the evening by a graphic account of the origin of Kaiserswerth, the model of the modern training school.

Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, head of the Bible Department, gave a practical and stimulating exposition of the course of study and methods of work.

Miss Emma D. Cushman, Superintendent of Nurses, gave a report of the hospital, and the Principal, Miss M. L. Gibson, stressed the relation of the Board to the school, and the necessity for an increased endowment fund. By request of the President, and to the delight of the hearers, Bishop Hendrix in a few words rounded the interesting meeting to a close.

God had been very gracious to his servants during the year, and for the first time in four years no memorial service was needed.

On the corner stone of Memorial Chapel in which the meeting was held are engraved the words, "Comfort ye my people, saith your God" (Isa. xl. 1); and on the cap stone, "And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. xxii. 2). Between that command and that promise, the Christian workers met in the Name of the Master who gave them both; and during the meeting his abiding presence was felt, his smile made sunshine in the heart, and the banner over them was love—love to God the Father; to man, the brother!

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

AT 10 A.M. Friday, June 2, 1893, the preliminary meeting of officers and managers was held in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

There were present Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, and Miss M. L. Gibson.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Mrs. McHenry was invited to act as Chairman.

After devotional evercises the standing committees were nominated, subject to approval by the Board.

On Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. W. C. Brandon, Chairman; Mrs. W. S. Black, Mrs. M. I. DuPré, Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Mrs. R. T. Dorough.

On Extension of Work.—Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. S. S. Park, Miss Laura Bradford, Mrs. J. B. Stone, Mrs. Smith Harris, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. E. J. Robinson.

On Publication.—Mrs. M. S. Andrews, Chairman; Miss Lida Moore, Mrs. E. Avis, Mrs. E. H. Pearce, Mrs. A. L. Mussett, Mrs. M. A. Neill, Mrs. F. M. Bumpass.

On Finance.—Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman; Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Mrs. M. Morrison, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. M. R. Carriger, Mrs. H. T. Steele.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. W. S. Black, Chairman; Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge.

On Public Worship.—Mrs. Susan N. Jones, Chairman; Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. V. V. Harlan.

The schedule of exercises prepared by the Corresponding Secretary of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society and the Recording Secretary was approved.

After informal discussion of the work to be considered at the fifteenth annual meeting the meeting adjourned.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

THE members of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the first business meeting of the fifteenth annual session on Saturday, June 3, 1893, at 9:30 A.M. in Memorial Chapel of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

The opening devotional services were conducted by Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, of Alabama. The hymn,

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run—

that hymn so inspiring to the faith of missionary workers—was sung, after which Bishop Hendrix offered prayer.

This opening service was in accordance with the wish of the absent President, who selected the Scripture lessons and those who should take part in the devotions.

1 Corinthians xiii.—that inimitable chapter, at once a rebuke and an inspiration to every Christian heart—was read as the opening lesson. After the singing of a hymn Mrs. Dowdell read Psalm lxviii., and Mrs. Brandon led the petitions of the Board in a prayer for the venerable and afflicted President. A tender greeting to the Board from Mrs. Hayes was then read by Mrs. Dowdell:

My Dear Sister Dowdell: I send you a few lines to read to the Woman's Board of Missions; not an address, for I am not able to write an address. I may be with you once more in the future; but if not, let it be remembered that I feel penitent before our dear Saviour for the poor, meager way in which I have performed the exalted duty he has laid upon his worthless servant.

To my valued coworkers give my tender love. May mercy and peace and love be multiplied! May the truth that we have a High Priest who is ever within the holy place presenting our names to the holy Father, with the kindred fact that all true believers in Jesus are recognized as a holy priesthood, stimulate us to continual sacrifice unto God, realizing that every act of service to God is in truth sacrifice unto him.

To Mrs. McGavock please say that I have fully appreciated the grand work her heart, life, and pen have laid at the Master's feet, and many sheaves, I feel sure, will be awarded her when the King distributes them in

the day of final reckoning. To the rest of the officers and managers I send kindly greetings, praying that our Father may endue them plenteously with heavenly wisdom, and that they may be directed in their deliberations so that this meeting may long be remembered as the most spiritual and successful in the annals of our Woman's Missionary Society. With the earnest desire to be remembered in your prayers, I am lovingly yours,

Baltimore, Md.

JULIANA HAYES.

The words were few, but they touched and mellowed every heart in response, and when prayer was offered for the President all hearts joined fervently.

At 10 A.M. Mrs. M. D. Wightman, the Vice President, having arrived, took the chair and called the meeting to order. The bar was fixed. Five officers and four managers were present. Twenty Conference Societies were represented by their Secretaries. Six sent reserve delegates, while nine were without representation. Thirty-five members were enrolled.

Officers.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Mrs. D. H. McGavock,	Mrs. H. N. McTyeire,
Miss M. L. Gibson.	

Managers.

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngnam,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix,
Mrs. L. H. McHenry,	Mrs. E. C. Dowdell.

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Mrs. M. S. Andrews,	Mrs. E. J. Robinson,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. A. L. Mussett (reserve),
Mrs. A. H. Strother,	Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Mrs. Smith Harris (reserve),	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,
Mrs. M. R. Carriger,	Mrs. S. N. Jones,
Mrs. E. H. Pearce,	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. J. R. Harvey,	Mrs. M. I. DuPré,
Mrs. M. Morrison (reserve),	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Miss Laura Bradford,	Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge (reserve),	Miss Lida G. Moore,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,	Mrs. M. A. Neill,
Mrs. W. S. Black,	Mrs. R. T. Dorough (reserve),
Mrs. J. B. Stone,	Mrs. H. T. Steele (reserve).

Greetings were read from the Secretary of the Virginia Conference, regretting her absence. The credentials of reserves were pre-

sented. The order of business and rules of order were read, and the minutes of the opening session were read and approved.

The pages, Helen Hendrix and Florence Clarke, members of the Melrose "Workers for Christ," were introduced to the Board.

The preliminaries disposed of, the presiding officer, Mrs. Wightman, briefly addressed the Board. Her words were timely and helpful.

The first business transacted was the appointment of a committee to respond suitably to the message of Mrs. Hayes. Mrs. Dowdell, Mrs. Brandon, and Mrs. Andrews formed the committee. The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy and greeting to the absent President without delay.

The report of the called meetings of the Board during the year was read by Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyingham.

Report of Called Meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions

From June, 1892, to June, 1893.

A meeting was called June 21 to consider a matter submitted by Miss Haygood in regard to the work in China. It being evident that nearly all the pupils in McTyeire School would wish to take lessons in music, Miss Haygood said that a piano would be needed to meet this demand. Recognizing the elevating, refining influence of this accomplishment, the Board hesitated only because they realized the need of extreme caution where the use of funds was involved; but being assured by Miss Haygood that there would be in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year sufficient money to pay for the piano (consisting of premiums on appropriations and appropriations not used because of preventing circumstances), she was authorized to secure one and given discretionary power in making the contract.

Miss Haygood had frequently referred to her great indebtedness to Miss Johnson for timely and efficient services voluntarily rendered in McTyeire School at a time when circumstances positively forbade her performing the work herself. The Board, wishing to record its grateful appreciation of this Christian service, whereby Miss Haygood was relieved of some of her onerous duties, instructed the Foreign Secretary to write to Miss Johnson, assuring her of their gratitude for her kindness.

ⁱ It was the opinion of the Board, expressed with decided emphasis, that Miss Haygood *must* "come apart and rest awhile."

Miss Sallie B. Davis, of Augusta, Ga., having been appointed teacher in the school in the Indian Territory, applied for help in getting the necessary outfit. The sum of \$100 of the Contingent Fund was appropriated for the purpose.

Miss Holding reported to the Foreign Secretary, soon after the adjournment of the Board, that the health of Miss Ella Tydings had given way suddenly, and every day's stay in Saltillo was increasing the danger of loss of her life.

The Foreign Secretary took the responsibility of telegraphing Miss Tydings to leave Mexico immediately. This action was indorsed by the Board.

At a meeting held in December the condition of the work in Mexico was discussed, and after due consideration, adjustments proposed by Miss Holding were indorsed by the Board. By this arrangement, Miss Tydings was transferred from Saltillo to Durango, as colleague of Miss McFarren; and Miss Harper transferred from Laredo to San Luis Potosi, to be the colleague of Miss Toland. The Board regards the apostolic plan of sending forth missionaries "two and two" as the one best adapted to the work of the present day.

Dr. Hale, of Nashville, having examined and treated Miss Holding's eyes without charge, the Foreign Secretary was authorized to write to him to express the thanks of this Board for his kindness.

The resignation of Miss Mary McClellan, missionary in China, was presented and accepted, the Board granting her request to be released in July, inasmuch as her "five years" would virtually close when vacation begins. The Foreign Secretary was requested to convey to Miss McClellan thanks for her valuable services, and to express the kind wishes of the Board for future welfare and happiness in her married life.

The health of Miss Brown, missionary to Brazil, having utterly failed, she has returned to her home in Texas, and her connection with the Board is severed, the indications being that she will not be able to resume work in the foreign field.

During the year only one candidate has offered who was ready to enter on work at once: Miss Bessie Moore, of Savannah, Tenn., whose testimonials meet the requirements of the manual; and who, on recommendation of the Board, has been appointed to Brazil, where she will work in the school at Piracicaba.

There have been several young ladies whose hearts are burning with desire to go to foreign lands, and help to rescue the perishing heathen, whose names and some papers were before the Board. Some are under age, the health certificate of one was not satisfactory, others do not measure up to the required educational standard; hence their cases are left in the hands of the Examining Committees of their respective Conference Societies until such time as they will be prepared for work, when the Board will give them cordial welcome as coworkers in the missionary cause.

A communication from Rev. H. C. Tucker, of Brazil, explained the situation in Rio. The property in that city had been neither sold nor rented; hence there was no money to maintain the school (nothing having been appropriated for this purpose at the last annual meeting), and Miss Ross, finding herself without means, gave it up and went to Juiz de Fora, by advice of the agent, Miss Bruce. It had been supposed that the sale or rent of the property would furnish all necessary funds for maintaining that school.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Tucker and wife, rather than see the work in Rio given up entirely, took the house which had been rented by Miss Ross, proposing to pay all expenses until June, when the Board in annual session should determine what was best to be done.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM.

N. B.—Since this report was written the Foreign Secretary has received further information from Brazil. The property has been rented for a sum deemed sufficient to pay taxes and keep the premises in repair.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The minutes of the preliminary meeting of the officers and managers held Friday, June 2, was read by the Secretary and adopted.

Memorials being called for, the Secretary presented a communication to the Board from Mrs. Esther Tuttle Pritchard on the subject of "Systematic Giving." Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A memorial was read from the Japan Mission, sent by T. W. B. Demaree, Secretary, relative to entering that field. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Memorials from the Virginia and Baltimore Conference Societies on the same subject were presented. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Memorials from the North Carolina, Little Rock, and St. Louis Conference Societies were referred to the same committee.

A communication from Bishop Fitzgerald to the Foreign Secretary on the subject of the Board entering on work in Key West was read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Wolff, of St. Louis, who was present to urge the pressing claims of Key West, was introduced to the Board.

Mrs. Smith Harris presented a memorial from the Florida Conference Society concerning work in Key West. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

A memorial from the Quarterly Conference, M. E. Church, South, of Nogales, Arizona, urging the establishment of a girls' boarding school at that point, was presented; also a letter from Bishop Haygood, indorsing the project. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

A memorial from Glasgow Auxiliary, requesting the Board to prepare printed forms of prayer for use of timid and inexperienced officers of Auxiliaries. Referred to the Committee on Publication.

The report of Mrs. F. A. Butler as Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was read and accepted. The report of T. D. Weaver, Auditor, was also read.

Report of Agent of Woman's Missionary Advocate

From May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893.

RECAPITULATION AND STATEMENT.

<i>Dr.</i>	
Balance on hand May 1, 1892.....	\$3,156 87
Amount received from May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893.....	4,679 98
Amount received from advertising.....	230 00
Amount received from interest on deposits.....	71 50—\$8,138 35
<i>Cr.</i>	
By amount paid per vouchers.....	6,256 75
Balance on hand May 1, 1893.....	\$1,881 60
Check on broken bank.....	1 00
Balance on hand May 1, 1893.....	\$1,880 60

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent.*

A memorial from the North Carolina Conference Society was presented by Mrs. W. S. Black. Referred to the Committee on Revision.

A pleasant exchange of courtesies followed the business as the Chairman of Platform Courtesies, Mrs. S. N. Jones, introduced Rev. J. J. Tigert and Rev. W. H. McClure, of Kansas City; Rev. G. H. Gray, of Cameron, Mo.; and Dr. J. M. Lewis, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson received cordial greeting from the Board, which gave welcome also to its missionaries, Miss M. H. Watts, Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, and Dr. Margaret Polk, medical missionary.

Announcements were made by the Secretary, and papers were presented to the Chairmen of the committees.

The hours for daily meetings were approved as follows: Business session, 8:30 to 12:30; committee meetings, 2 to 4:30; popular meetings in Memorial Chapel, 3 to 4:30; devotional service, 4:30 to 5; evening services, 8 P.M.

The Chairmen of committees announced where their meetings would be held, after which the meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Rev. J. J. Tigert.

SECOND DAY.

At 8:30 A.M. Monday, June 5, the Woman's Board assembled for business in Memorial Chapel.

The room had undergone a transformation, being beautifully decorated with mosses, grasses, cotton bolls, and ivy from South Caro-

lina, banners from Kentucky, and beautiful palms, plants, and flowers from Missouri, arranged with exquisite taste by Miss Mattie Searritt, Chairman of Committee on Chapel Decorations, and assistants. Graceful Southern mosses and ivy hung in festoons from the chandelier and brackets, and the decorations were artistic. The banners of white satin wrought in gold bearing the watchwords: "She hath done what she could!" and "What hath God wrought!" seemed like old friends, having been used at the fourteenth annual session in Lexington, Ky., and presented to the Training School by the "Belle Bennett Band."

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Humbert, of South Carolina. At 8:45 the Board was called to order. Thirty-four were present at roll call.

The minutes of the first day's session were read, amended, and approved.

The Secretary reported having sent a telegram to the absent President:

Mrs. Juliana Hayes: Love and greetings from your coworkers. Read 3 John, verse 2. M. L. GIBSON, *Secretary*.

The committee appointed the previous day presented the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

Having heard with sad, yet grateful hearts, the tender messages of love sent to us from our revered and beloved President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes; and whereas this is the first time in the history of the Board that we have been deprived of her presence and denied her wise, godly counsel; be it therefore

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the noble service she has rendered in behalf of woman's work for woman;

Resolved, That because of her special mental endowments and complete consecration of heart to the Master's work, we believe she was a Christ-gift from God to the women of Southern Methodism.

Resolved, That we do cherish a grateful recollection of the help she has been to us, and pray our loving Father to spare her valuable life, and so restore her physical strength that we may yet look into her face and enjoy sweet Christian fellowship with her when a year hence we assemble together.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,
MRS. M. S. ANDREWS,
MRS. C. W. BRANDON.

Miss Annie Maria Barnes presented the financial report of the *Little Worker*, and briefly but forcibly presented the claims of that admirable juvenile paper.

Report of Agent for Little Worker

From June 1, 1892, to June 1, 1893.

Dr.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 88 81
Amount received per subscriptions.....	1,399 52
Amount received per advertisements.....	48 25
Amount received per special Easter issue.....	40 00
Miscellaneous.....	156 56—\$1,733 14

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By amount paid Barbee & Smith, printing, etc.....	\$ 991 05
By amount paid for illustrations.....	12 60
By amount paid for postage	64 97
By amount paid editor's salary.....	208 00
By amount paid assistant's salary.....	300 00
Miscellaneous.....	156 52— 1,733 14

Balance due Barbee & Smith, \$424.03.

A. M. BARNES, *Agent*.

I have examined the above figures, and find them correct.

T. B. HOLT, *Treasurer*.

The report was referred to the Committees on Publication and Finance.

Miss Barnes also presented her report as Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, which was referred to the Committees on Publication and Finance.

Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

From June 1, 1892, to June 1, 1893, leaflets, programs, and other literary supplies have been published, sold, and distributed as follows:

Number of adult leaflets issued.....	226,000
Number of slips "For You".....	20,000
Number of adult "Duties".....	4,000
Number of adult programs (single).....	12,000
Number of adult programs (double).....	7,000
Total number of adult supplies.....	269,000
Number of young people's leaflets issued.....	28,000
Number of young people's programs (single).....	2,000
Number of young people's programs (double).....	1,500
Total number of young people's supplies.....	31,500
Number of juvenile leaflets issued.....	208,000
Number of juvenile programs issued.....	16,000
Number of juvenile "Duties".....	2,000
Total number of juvenile supplies.....	226,000
Total number of adult, young people's, and juvenile leaflets, programs, etc.....	526,500
Number of pages of adult leaflets.....	912,000
Number of pages of young people's leaflets.....	100,000
Number of pages of juvenile leaflets.....	832,000
Number of pages of adult programs.....	104,000
Number of pages of young people's programs.....	20,000
Number of pages of juvenile programs.....	64,000
Number of pages of adult and juvenile "Duties".....	32,000
Total number of pages of leaflets, programs, etc.....	2,064,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$600 00	
Contingent.....	100 00	
Balance from last year.....	4 75	
Total		\$704 75
Amount due Barbee & Smith for printing, mailing, and stationery.....	734 70	
Amount paid through Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer.....	704 75	
Deficit		\$ 29 95

ADDENDUM.

Receipts from sale of our own leaflets.....	\$ 41 13	
Receipts from sale of leaflets other than our own.....	63 67	
Total amount received for leaflets.....		\$104 80
By amount paid for leaflets.....	\$ 36 95	
Amount of expense of correspondence and mailing.....	20 34	
Total.....		\$ 57 29
Balance on hand from sale of leaflets.....	\$ 47 51	
Outstanding accounts.....	1 85	
Balance from last year.....	7 90	
Value of purchased leaflets on hand.....	8 20	
Total		\$ 65 46
Paid Barbee & Smith on catalogues		20 00
Balance on hand June 1, 1893		\$ 45 46

I did not begin until October last to handle the leaflets of other Boards. About \$30 has thus been cleared. This amount could have been at least quadrupled had there been any provision for the keeping of an ample supply on hand. But I had no authority as to this matter, and so could only venture by the rate per dozen. Had the purchases been made by the rate per hundred, the profits would have been considerably increased. Many score of orders have been forwarded to other leaflet agencies owing to a lack of supplies on hand. This accounts for several dollars of the amount included in the item for postage.

I would earnestly suggest to our Woman's Board the growing necessity for a depot of leaflet supplies and other literary helps. With judicious management it could be made to clear its own expenses in two or three years. Now that the catalogue has been issued at considerable expense, it would indeed prove a useless outlay unless those helps are kept on hand. Our workers are reaching out after information. It is one glowing promise of future missionary development that they are. They *must* have this information. They are hungry for it. If our own Board does not meet this demand, then this patronage will go elsewhere.

I find that a bureau of literary helps is in operation by almost every other one of the Woman's Missionary Boards. Even the Southern Baptists have

one, and they are much younger and far weaker as to members and finances than are we; but evidently their desire for missionary intelligence is keenly alive. The Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, cannot afford longer to neglect this vital point of growth.

Again I would urge the discontinuance of programs in leaflet form. It is simply a waste of \$50 annually to go on printing them after the present plan. Every Auxiliary President and Corresponding Secretary takes the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* or the *Little Worker*. If they do not, then they ought to do it, or else not fill those positions. The programs published in the adult and juvenile organs will serve every purpose. Such a course would doubtless add to the circulation of both papers.

I now desire to bring to your attention the large number of leaflets lying unused in our leaflet room in Nashville—many thousands of them, in fact. The most of these leaflets were issued during Mrs. Cunningham's editorship. They are all good, every one of them; several of them exceptionally fine. Some use ought to be made of these leaflets. They would now be new to at least one-half of our workers. Even by those to whom they are not new they would bear a second reading. I suggest to you the plan of utilizing these leaflets in your Society meetings for the coming year, instead of issuing the regular quarterly supplies. At least \$500 could thus be saved.

I earnestly submit these suggestions to your careful consideration.

A. M. BARNES, *Leaflet Editor and Publisher*.

Mention was also made of the valuable list of missionary literature prepared by Miss Mary Helm some years ago. On motion, that list was ordered to be revised and printed in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As the discussion of "home work" was the order of the day, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary of Home Affairs, presented her annual report.

Report of Secretary of Home Affairs.

The home work is not without its encouraging features, yet there are many circumstances which cause grave questionings and serious concern. With your consent I propose to present the outlook as it appears to me, passing from the encouraging to the discouraging as I may deem best. Much of the enthusiasm that marked the early years of our work has passed away, but an abiding, settled conviction as to the command of God to send or carry the gospel abroad remains. There is a youth to nations, to literature, and to mission work as well, when glowing imagination, fiery zeal, and life-giving enthusiasm supplement inexperience. Then follows the time of fuller intelligence, of more settled, more profound convictions, when larger experience takes away much of the glamour of the beginning. Our work has, I think, passed this stage, and reached the philosophic and polemic age. We demand reasons for our actions, and, in turn, reasons are demanded of us. We have learned to criticise, to look closely into our conditions, to demand systematic work, and meet expenses of same. In some sense this critical

age is dangerous, while most effective. There is danger of bitterness in sustaining our advanced views, danger of loss of spirituality in pushing forward business methods to meet the enlargement of the enterprise. Caution is needed here. While the work must be based upon solid business principles, it should never be prosecuted with unsanctified hearts, unconsecrated hands. The blessing of God must be ours in a special sense, or we lose—*personally* lose—the rich benefits promised those who work in God's vineyard. Then our past success may become a snare, may tempt us beyond our financial strength. Here and now let me emphasize the value of vigorous, systematic, and conscientious measures in regard to our finances. If we run the risk of debt, we will not only retard the advancement of the cause, but depress our own energies. Women seldom get up much interest in a losing cause. As a rule they work best on the tide of success, as well as when their efforts meet with hearty approval. True we should keep in mind the fact that the Woman's Board has the cause of humanity at heart, with no ambitions to gratify but the ambition to be approved by the Head of the Church and our own consciences; yet, as women, we covet the approval of others. We have gained much by initiating the safe policy of basing our appropriations on our collections rather than upon what we *may* collect. I find also in my correspondence with our Conference Secretaries that the large majority approve the plan of strengthening the mission stations in hand, rather than multiplying centers, until the demands of the present work are met. God help us to be wise and true to the trust committed to us!

There appears to be no increase in numbers and resources during the year which closed in March. I say *appears* because I believe we have a larger number of valuable members than ever before. Our Conference Societies have been dropping from the roll the nonpaying, nonworking members, and "dues" now mean \$1.20 or \$1.45 a year from each person enrolled.

The question has come to me from various quarters: "How shall we add to our membership, our collections," etc.? I cannot throw much light here. I am persuaded that the office of District Secretary is a valuable arm of the service, and much of the growth of recent years is due to these officers, who strengthen the hands of the Conference Secretaries by enabling them to more perfectly superintend their fields of labor.

Do these officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Conference Society? Three Conference Society officers are necessary for a quorum for the transaction of business. Would it not be well to increase the number to form this quorum, if District Secretaries are *Conference officers*, and I think, without doubt, that they are? Should not *five* constitute a quorum when, say *six* District Secretaries, together with the President, Vice President, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, make eleven Conference Society officers?

With these efficient District Secretaries now well understanding their duties, has not the time come to reduce representation at the Annual Conference Society? Some of our annual meetings are as large as a Conference, and we are not always invited a second time to the same place. Our sisters prefer to entertain the brethren, too, not because they love them more, but because they are less critical, and do not have to be so carefully entertained.

May not our annual meetings be made up of the Conference officers and two or three delegates from each district? Let the district meetings be magnified and made up of a delegate from each Auxiliary.

The duties of the District Secretaries can be more clearly defined to meet such changes. From time to time questions have come to me in regard to the duties of a District Secretary. Watchfulness, ceaseless activity, untiring diligence, we know is the price of success; but we know as well that an enterprise may be retarded by want of definite instructions. Let the duties of officers be so sharply defined that no doubt may exist as to their prerogatives. The wisest and best people in the world may differ as to methods of work; hence friction may arise unless limitations and restrictions exist.

There is danger of merging our legitimate work into other enterprises. Noble and necessary are Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor Societies, Ladies' Aid Societies, Home Missions, etc., but all these instrumentalities are for promoting the growth and perfection of Christianity at home. Little training is needed here. Every one feels the direct appeal and is forced to close eyes and ears to such calls, if they go unheeded. Let these great enterprises multiply, let them strengthen and elevate those about us as well as ourselves; but the foreign work cannot be counted in as a part of such. It demands, and must have, our *best* efforts. It already has had too little time and thought. As far as the Parsonage and Home Mission Society and ours are concerned, I know the general officers of the former do not wish union. They are as much opposed as the majority of our Board, and for the same reasons. Why should we fear too many societies? I think when all realize the fact that our time, our means, *ourselves* belong to God, have been bought with a price, difficulties disappear, and a readiness to respond whenever called upon will characterize the service. I hope the Board will give clear directions on the subject. At some of our annual meetings reports from several of the delegates did not touch the foreign work. They spoke only of Home Missions, though delegates must have known that the money collected was not sent to our treasury. Then the very names we selected to designate the different sections and functions of our work have been appropriated, and cause confusion. May we not speak of our District Secretaries as District Superintendents, or Managers, or Leaders? Again, inquiries have come to me in regard to the Lady Managers of our Juveniles, such questions as the following: "Is it consistent with authority for the Manager of a Juvenile Society to be opposed to Foreign Missions?" "Should not said officer first be a member of the Missionary Society?" To the first I answered, "No;" to the last, "She becomes a member of the Missionary Society when she accepts the position of Lady Manager." Does she?

The change in Section 8 of By-laws of Conference Societies should not be continued, or at least the phraseology should not admit of the interpretation of collecting a contingent fund unnecessary altogether. I have had to explain that "defraying necessary expenses" does not mean that the treasury should be called upon to supply funds or supplement expenses when a Conference Society sees fit to print literature, publish minutes, meet traveling expenses, etc. As now worded, it is susceptible of such interpretation, and has been so understood.

The question of scholarships seems to have lost its hold upon our people. Why? Whose fault is it? In answer to inquiries on the subject, I have had from one: "We used to support a pupil in China, but a letter came asking us to turn the money over to the general fund, as it was found to be more satisfactory, and since that time we have never attempted anything of the kind." Another wrote: "We supported nine scholarships at one time, but as the Board discouraged such things, we now have nothing of the kind." I remember the effort made some years ago to effect such management in regard to scholarships as would best suit the conditions in the field and the convenience of our missionary in charge. Is it not possible to revive interest in the matter at home? Godly women, bereaved by death, take much comfort in educating one in a mission station, when no longer permitted to do such loving work for those whom God has taken to himself. I recommend that some means be taken to revive interest in scholarships and schools abroad. Every measure calculated to keep the home work in touch with the foreign field is not only desirable, but necessary.

Frequently during the year information has been sought in regard to the ladies sent out by the Board; a desire to know them better has been added to the desire to have their photographs. Would it be possible to have a short sketch of each, once a month, in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, until the whole number in China, Brazil, Mexico, and Indian Territory is presented? If so, a felt need will be successfully met. This plan has been adopted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The *Union Signal* furnishes, from time to time, delightful sketches of their prominent workers, thus sending into the homes and hearts of the women those who are bearing the burdens of the organization. Let us profit by the experience of others.

Let me call the attention of the Conference Secretaries to a measure adopted by the Board two years ago at Fort Worth in regard to missionary candidates. It was then ordered that missionary candidates, after sending papers, testimonials, etc., to Conference Secretaries within whose bounds they lived, should appear before a committee of which the Conference Corresponding Secretary should be Chairman. This committee should be made up of the Conference Secretary and two others, also officers of the Conference Society. The candidates are to be fully indorsed before presenting them to the Foreign Secretary, who presents their application to the Woman's Board. Have these directions been observed in every instance? I fear, too, that we have not been as active and faithful in working or praying that candidates be called of God to enter the fields so white for the harvest.

Some irregularities have arisen in regard to projecting new work without authority. This is difficult to remedy. An enthusiastic member, just initiated, with the best intentions in the world, will seek to enliven a seemingly dead Auxiliary, and will introduce an interesting object which will wake up all, though the object may not be sanctioned by the Board. Would not an occasional notice in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* in regard to the action of the Board prohibiting Societies undertaking work not recommended by it help to remedy the evil?

If the patient editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* will not think I am making great demands upon her excellent periodical, I suggest that some

space be set apart for book notices. Inquiries on the subject of suitable books for the Auxiliary Circulating Library will thus be answered, and the librarian of the same be better prepared to fulfill her office. It should be mentioned that our Publishing House in Nashville can furnish all such books; that the books will be ordered of other publishing houses when not in stock. Our good editor will find extra work here, and much of it, if she consent to take the time to find out by personal inspection whether the book she recommends is worthy; but nothing valuable can be had without labor. I am sure such labor will yield much profit. Our people *demand* information now; they have realized more fully of late years the value of knowing *what* to do, and *how*.

The periodicals of the Woman's Board are not as generally circulated as they should be. This may be caused by a relaxing on the part of those whose business it is to attend to renewals and secure new subscribers. The plan adopted by the local committee to offer a commission to agents has been neglected. There are in every society, I suspect, ladies who would gladly attend to this branch of the service, who are not able to meet the expense of postage, postal notes, or money orders. These put the most, if not *all*, the commission back into the treasury. If they do not, much good results from having the subscriptions attended to regularly. I am not sure but that I should forget to renew my subscription if the Millersburg Auxiliary had not a capital agent. Ten cents for every new subscriber and five cents for every renewal, if enforced throughout the country, would add largely to the circulation of our *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. Would it not be well to call attention to this order through the paper? The *Advocate* should be in every family, and will be, if we combine business methods with our devotion, our love. To keep up the circulation of a paper, even of a good paper, like the successful editing of it, is not as easy as it appears to the uninitiated.

The *Little Worker*, also projected by our Board, is a delight to our little people, but is not paying for itself as it should do; not because it lacks worth, but because its friends neglect it. We should look after its interests more faithfully.

I think it unnecessary to speak of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. It speaks for itself, and gratifies all the desires of our heart concerning it. As a child of the Woman's Board, it appeals to the affections of all who aided in its projection, and demands their fostering care. It should have an ample endowment fund, and I hope our Easter service the coming year may be devoted to this purpose as it was last year and the two years previous. From Miss Bennett and the Principal, Miss Gibson, you will get a full report of the year, together with a statement of its successful opening and session of work.

The Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer is a means of grace, and should be observed more generally by our Auxiliaries. The preciousness of the thought of all our missionary bands of consecrated women waiting before God for a special blessing upon their endeavors, and thanking him for all success achieved, has a quickening, powerful influence. In the coming fall let larger preparation be made for this service, that greater good may come. Another point I wish to stress. I have referred to a want of definiteness in

the limitations of our officers. The duties of some of them are not clearly defined. This is certainly the case in regard to the office of Secretary of Home Affairs. For myself, I would like to say that while I have received the utmost consideration from every member of the Woman's Board, I have not been able to meet the requirements of some. A few have candidly, though kindly, told me that I had failed to meet their expectations; that I had given no information in regard to the foreign work.

Is it well for one official to attempt to do the work assigned to another? By reference to the last Annual Report, page 111, Article XI., you will find the duties of Secretary of Home Affairs stated. There is a glittering generality about the following: "Secretary of Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies." I think there should be something of definiteness about this correspondence. It should be understood that in this correspondence the Home Secretary is to answer all inquiries, give all the information possible; but Secretaries do not know everything, and may have to say, as I have this year, when told how little information I had given of the foreign work: "I have given all I had to give." I am glad that this intelligent body seeks to know, and most regretful that, when applying to me for knowledge, I have to say: "I do not know." Yet why should I? Is it my duty to do the work you have consigned to a wiser hand? I have done a great deal of correspondence, my postage has amounted to a considerable sum, and I have desired to do my best. You must allow me to say that I have done very well, considering the fact that I work ten hours a day, on an average, for my daily bread. The summary of our home work was given in the report of the Foreign Secretary.

Mrs. Mary G. Hamilton has been unwearied in her efforts to meet the inquiries coming to her on various subjects connected with my office. She has sent out:

Life Certificates.....	103
Mite boxes.....	6,148
Treasurer's books.....	89
"Christian Womanhood".....	8

The amount for Treasurer's books, \$35.60, was turned over to the Treasurer of the Board, and the bonus of "Christian Womanhood" to Miss Bennett. Mrs. Hamilton deserves the gratitude of the Board, and especially of the Secretary of Home Affairs, for her kind offices in attending to matters at the Publishing House, as well as her promptness in supplying information when called upon. Her report shows the number of mite boxes, life membership certificates, etc., which have been packed and forwarded as soon as sent for.

The appropriation for my office fully met expenses, leaving a small balance in hand. The amount would not, of course, have been sufficient had I traveled as I should, and as I think the work demanded. Personal effort always shows the best results, and would have put me in better position to report to this body.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr.

Received of Treasurer of Board, per order of Foreign Secretary	\$250 00
Contingent.....	50 00—\$300 00

Cr.

Paid Mrs. M. G. Hamilton.....	\$100 00
Paid for clerical help.....	50 00
Paid for photographs of missionaries, by order of the Board.	9 00
Paid for extra blanks.....	13 75
Paid for travel on legal business	6 00
Paid express.....	2 85
Paid for stationery.....	10 00
Paid for postage.....	20 00
Paid for traveling expenses.....	6 75
Balance	21 00— 300 00

In sending out mite boxes, Mrs. Hamilton has had to expend more postage than formerly, when the mite boxes were not so substantially made.

A mistake made in forwarding from the Publishing House too many Annual Reports last summer to one Secretary, and too few to another, cost me the express named. The legal business referred to grew out of a bequest made to this Board by Mrs. M. Bowman, of Georgetown, Ky.

I would call attention to another matter of importance. From time to time our Conference Societies have tried to institute some plan by which the whole Church would feel the necessity of coöperating more fully with the woman's work in Missions. The District Secretaries have been requested to present their reports to the District Conferences at their regular sessions. Sometimes these District Secretaries secure time and opportunity to lay their reports before the brethren; sometimes *not*.

Would it not be well to memorialize the General Conference to insert after questions to pastors, now in Discipline for District Conferences, a question in reference to our woman's work in the foreign field? I would suggest that in the Discipline, under the head of District Conferences, ¶ 72, after (3), "As to Sunday schools," this come: (4) "As to the woman's foreign work." Our preachers, as a general thing, value our work, but more and more they seem to feel that their influence and notice are not needed. It appears that the opinion is gaining ground that we can help ourselves. We can, but truly no one wishes to divorce the work of the Woman's Missionary Society from our Church. It is of as vital importance to that body as to the Board. The majority of our pastors are not satisfied of this, and act accordingly. One preacher, after attending an annual meeting recently, went home and gave notice from the pulpit the following Sabbath that at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting he would give his report of the Conference Society meeting he had attended. He urged his members to come out, as he had much to say on the subject that would interest them. The next prayer meeting was well attended! Another pastor regularly gives a talk on our work at his Wednesday night prayer meeting once a month. These brethren are successful in

every branch of Church work, and are always in demand. Why may not all our pastors give much of thought and work to this vital subject? I believe they would in every case find their pastorates enlarged and strengthened thereby and the work of the General Board of Foreign Missions made more effective.

In conclusion, let me say I have found that those Conferences which pledge a certain amount every year, or have their Conference Secretaries do it for them, do the most work. Do not be afraid of getting your collections too large!

S. C. TRUEHEART, *Secretary of Home Affairs.*

At the conclusion of the report, a motion was made to refer it to a special committee, but an amendment to discuss it at once was adopted, and the report was considered by items, such subjects as required reference being referred to the various committees, while other points were acted on at once.

To meet the question, "What answers to give to the inquiries by persons opposed to the multiplication of societies and favoring a union of the various societies of our Church," Mrs. Brandon offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Home Affairs be instructed to answer that it is the sense of this body that a union between the Woman's Missionary Society and the Parsonage and Home Mission Society would be prejudicial to the welfare of both organizations—an opinion shared by the leading officials of that, our sister Society.

On the subject of scholarships, Mrs. Avis received assurance that all the money that had been sent to the Treasurer for the Lizzie Avis Scholarship Fund had been forwarded to Miss Haygood, Agent of the Board at Shanghai. Mrs. Avis was also granted her request that Lizzie Avis might be entered on that scholarship in McTyeire School.

Some misunderstanding had been occasioned by the change made within the past few years, of sending a fund to the Agents of the Board in the various fields to be applied to scholarships instead of, as formerly, applying the money raised for each scholarship directly to the pupils entered on it. The Treasurer of the Board suggested that much of the trouble about scholarship funds might be avoided if the Treasurers sending money for that purpose would accompany it with definite instructions.

In regard to the item recommending the publication in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* of short sketches of the missionaries of the Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. Park moved that the editor be requested to prepare and publish such sketches. Adopted. Mrs. Strother moved to limit the sketches to missionaries who had given

five years of service; the sketches to be submitted to the missionaries before publication. Carried.

The suggestion that "the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be requested to devote a column to the publication of brief reviews of books which she has read, and which she can recommend to workers" was adopted.

The editor was requested to continue the publication of the statement that agents of the paper are allowed to retain a commission of ten cents on all new subscriptions.

The Secretary of Home Affairs was instructed to memorialize the next General Conference to insert in that portion of the Discipline relating to District Conferences the question "How many Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society have you?" after the question as to the number of Sunday schools.

In reply to the question "Can the receipts during the Week of Prayer and Self-denial be devoted to special uses?" it was the sense of the Board that they might be used for "*life membership fees*," which are always added to the general fund.

Bishop Hendrix was introduced, and spoke a few words of cheer.

Rev. C. M. Bishop, pastor of Melrose M. E. Church, South, to whom the Board was indebted for many courtesies, was also introduced.

A memorial from the North Carolina Conference was presented by Mrs. Black. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs Trowbridge offered the following:

Whereas there is much to be learned about missionary work in all its departments, much of which will not be learned without careful reading and study; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hail with delight the inauguration of the "Cross Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle," a three years' course of reading and study on missions in all lands.

2. That our officers and Auxiliaries will find this course a valuable educational help.

3. That those who are interested in a more thorough study of the missionary problem are requested to correspond with Rev. T. M. Williams, Secretary of the "Cross Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle," St. Joseph, Mo.

MRS. J. T. TROWBRIDGE,

MRS. A. HENDRIX.

On motion, the Board instructed the editor to add this course of reading to the list of publications to be printed in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

After announcements the meeting adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Afternoon Session.

At 3 P.M. the Woman's Board reassembled to receive the fraternal messengers from other missionary societies. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. E. W. Wolff, of St. Louis. The following was the order of services:

1. Hymn: "Awake, My Soul, in Joyful Lays."
2. Scripture lesson: Romans xvi.—Paul's greeting to his workers.
3. Prayer.
4. Hymn: "Work, for the Night Is Coming."
5. Introductory address by the President, Mrs. M. D. Wightman.
6. Greetings from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Georgia through Mrs. C. H. Smith, Ellaville, Ga., read by the Secretary.
7. Fraternal greetings from the Woman's Missionary Societies of three branches of the Presbyterian Church in Kansas City: Mrs. S. M. Neel, Central Presbyterian Church (Southern); Mrs. W. S. Danley, Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Charles A. Young, Second Presbyterian Church (Northern).
8. Greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church: Mrs. A. A. Hawley.
9. Greetings from the Woman's Board of the English Lutheran Church: Mrs. Hiram George.
10. Fraternal message from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Independence Avenue M. E. Church: Mrs. Martin.
11. Message from the First Congregational Church Woman's Union by the President, Mrs. A. A. Kennedy.
12. Greetings from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Brazil, South America: Mrs. E. E. Brelsford.
13. Hymn: "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!"

The Secretary was instructed to send an appropriate reply to the fraternal greetings from Georgia. To the other messengers the President made reply. The spirit of the meeting was so heavenly that one could not but think of the old hymn:

And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round His throne we meet!

The addresses were beautiful in word and thought, and the responses by the President appropriate and sparkling.

Very fittingly the daily devotional service closed this exchange of fraternal greetings. Mrs. A. W. Wilson led this service, and the

presence of Him in whom all Christians are united was felt. The doxology and benediction closed the meeting, which was followed by a free interchange of social and Christian greetings.

THIRD DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened in Memorial Chapel at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 6, Mrs. M. D. Wightman in the chair. The opening services were led by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society. Thirty-three members were present at the roll call.

The minutes of the second day were approved after amendment.

Mrs. McGavock offered the following, which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the sympathies of this Board be conveyed by telegram to Miss Melissa Baker and Mrs. I. G. John in the affliction which detains them from this annual meeting, and that the Recording Secretary send also suitable passages of Scripture.

The following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Trueheart :

Whereas our Treasurer, dear Mrs. McTyeire, has recently been bereaved in the death of her aged father;

1. *Resolved*, That we extend to Mrs. McTyeire our sympathy, and pray that she may be sustained by the consciousness of the sure hope of her father's eternal rest and the comforting influence of her heavenly Father's abiding presence.

Whereas in the providence of God our beloved Foreign Secretary has been called upon to pass through the deep waters of affliction in the death of her venerable mother;

2. *Resolved*, That the sincere, tender sympathy of this Board be tendered her. May her heart rest in peace upon the compassionate bosom of the Christ who knows how to fill an aching void—how to be *all in all* to his obedient, trusting children! Many members of this Board can recall the quiet, sweet face of the dear mother, Mrs. E. Clopton Owen, and remember her loving ministrations as friend and host. She sleeps now; for God has called her to dwell forever where sickness is not known, where the inhabitants never grow old, where no sorrow comes, where joys are abiding.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,
MRS. S. S. PARK, MRS. E. C. DOWDELL.

On motion of Mrs McHenry, the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote. While standing, the President prayed the heavenly Father to bless and comfort the bereaved hearts.

Mrs. Cunnyingham offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, according to our Constitution, this Board must conduct its operations in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval; therefore,

Resolved, That we invite the Secretaries of that Board to attend our annual meetings, and in token of our appreciation of the harmony existing between the two Boards, we request our Secretaries to send to the General Board, at their annual meetings, a synopsis of the work done during the year.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYINGHAM,

MRS. A. H. STROTHER,

and six other members.

Mrs. Harvey presented a memorial asking that the General Conference be memorialized to leave out the word "female" in Article II. of the Constitution, as men might be employed in hospitals and schools in cases where women could not be had. Referred to the Committee on Revision.

On the call for reports from standing committees, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Extension of Work relating to China and the Indian Mission. It was read by items and adopted.

Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Chairman of the Committee on Revision appointed at the fourteenth annual session, presented her report:

Report of Committee on Revision.

The committee to which was intrusted the task of examining the Constitution and By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions with a view to recommending changes if needed; also to indicate the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the local Board, presents herewith its report.

The spirit of the committee was eminently conservative, so that it recommends no change in the Constitution. While several minor changes commended themselves to the committee, they were not deemed of sufficient importance to memorialize the General Conference for a change in the Constitution; therefore the work of the committee has been confined to the By-laws and memorials placed before it during this session.

It presents the following as its recommendation:

BY-LAWS OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

1. That the last sentence of the present By-laws be made a part of the first By-law.

2. That the present By-law 5 be made the last By-law.

3. That we add the following By-laws:

BY-LAW 5. Whenever the interest of the work demands it the Foreign Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies that may arise during the intervals of the annual meetings. A Secretary shall be

elected, and, in the absence of the President and Vice President, the members shall appoint a Chairman at each meeting.

BY-LAW 6. No new work shall be projected, and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated.

BY-LAW 7. The Foreign Secretary shall present to the called meetings of the Board all applications received by her from missionary candidates.

BY-LAW 8. The minutes of these sessions shall be presented by the Foreign Secretary to the Board in annual session.

BY-LAW 9. An alternate has no power except to represent her Conference Society at the annual meeting of the Board in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary.

BY-LAW 10. The Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* and the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund shall be elected quadrennially.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

The committee recommends the following addition to the Constitution of Conference Societies:

"After organization, a Conference Society shall consist of the officers named above and a delegate from each Society."

The committee also recommends the following changes in and additions to the By-laws:

SEC. 1. That the second sentence read: "Five shall constitute a quorum."

After the third sentence insert: "The duties of the reserve shall cease upon the adjournment of the Board."

That the last sentence of this section be repealed.

SEC. 8. The repeal of that portion of the section reading: "Which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury."

SEC. 12. If during the year an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Executive Committee shall fill this vacancy.

SEC. 13. In those Conference Societies where the number of delegates to the annual meetings is so large that their entertainment has become burdensome and expensive, the Society is accorded the privilege of making its own basis of representation.

CONSTITUTION OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

The committee recommends:

That in Article III. the words "one dollar a year" be omitted.

CONSTITUTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

The following addition to Article IV. is recommended:

It shall be the duty of the Lady Manager to assist and encourage the Society to advance the cause of Missions in accordance with the general rules governing the Auxiliary Societies, and in no case advocating any action independent of the Conference Society.

After careful consideration of resolutions and memorials referred to it by the Board at this meeting, the committee begs leave to offer the following:

In reference to the item in the report of the Secretary of Home Affairs concerning dropping delinquent members, the committee recommends no

legislation, feeling that it is best to leave this subject to the Conference Societies.

To that resolution requesting that we memorialize the next General Conference to make a change in Article II. of the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Missions, the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

To that item of the memorial from the St. Louis Conference Society asking for two delegates to this Board from each Conference Society, the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

To that item from the same memorial asking a plainer construction of Section 10, By-laws of Conference Societies: The committee does not think that the construction made by the petitioners is correct. The words "The funds outside of dues shall not be directed to any specific work without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of the Board" do *not* mean that the funds *may* be directed to work *not* in accordance with the plans of the Board if the Board should give its consent. To meet the cases cited in the memorial, the committee offers the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is not necessary to obtain permission of the Woman's Board of Missions to apply to the Scarritt Bible and Training School funds collected for that purpose.

2. That Conference Treasurers be instructed to give the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions explicit directions concerning funds collected for specific purposes.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON, *Chairman*;

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. A. H. STROTHER,

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM, MISS M. L. GIBSON.

The report was discussed by items. The first and second changes suggested in the By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions were adopted. The proposed By-law 5 was thoroughly discussed and amendments and substitutes offered, but when the vote was taken the By-law was adopted as read. By-laws 6, 7, and 8 were adopted. By-law 9 was lost. Action postponed on By-law 10 until after the Committee on Publication shall have reported. The addition to the Constitution of Conference Societies was adopted.

In the By-laws of Conference Societies, the first recommendation, changing the word "three" to "five," was not concurred in. The next two changes were adopted. The repeal of a portion of Section 8 was not concurred in. Sections 12 and 13 were adopted, as were also the changes proposed in the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliary and Young People's and Juvenile Societies. The recommendations of the committee were also adopted.

At this juncture the Board had the pleasure of greeting Bishop Wilson, to whom the Woman's Missionary Society has been so greatly indebted from its inception. It was peculiarly fitting that

at its first meeting in its own Training School the Board should be honored by the presence of Bishop Wilson—the framer of its first Constitution, and the first representative of the General Board of Missions to its first annual meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Bishop Wilson spoke briefly on the work of the Woman's Board of Missions in Brazil, stressing the need of more workers and suggesting Petropolis as a point most advantageous for opening new work.

Rev. J. Pugh and Miss Marcia Marvin were introduced to the Board.

After announcements, the meeting adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. Pugh.

Afternoon Session.

At 3 P.M. the Board assembled in Memorial Chapel. The devotional exercises were led by Dr. Margaret Polk, medical missionary of the Board, and were appropriate to the hour.

The President, Mrs. Wightman, then introduced Miss A. M. Barnes, who made a fine address to the young women assembled to hear her strong and earnest appeal.

Miss Marcia Marvin followed Miss Barnes, giving some experiences as a missionary in Brazil.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell sung, by request, a Spanish hymn which she had known to melt hardened hearts in Mexico.

The daily devotional service at 4:30 P.M. was conducted by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, and was helpful.

At the close, but prior to adjournment, Mrs. S. S. Park presented to the Board a large tray of Cape jasmines sent by the members of the missionary auxiliary of Alvin, Tex. As their fragrance diffused itself throughout the chapel it seemed an emblem of the love that prompted the gift. The President expressed the appreciation of the Board for these messages of beauty and affection. The meeting adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions met for the transaction of business on Wednesday, June 7, at 8:30 A.M., Mrs. Wightman in the chair. Thirty-four members were present.

Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Corresponding Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Society, led the devotional service, during which Miss

Elizabeth Holding gave a profitable and delightful Bible reading on "Giving."

After roll call, the minutes of the third day were approved, after amendment.

Mrs. A. H. Stockard, President of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society, was introduced to the Board, which greeted with pleasure this representative woman.

The reports of standing committees being called for, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Extension of Work relative to the work in Brazil. The report was adopted.

Letters were read from Miss Phillips, of Piracicaba, Brazil, giving greeting to the Board and telling of the work in Collegio Piracicabano; also from Miss Millie Elerding, telling of the Estalagem work in Rio. These letters were full of interest, and brought the hearers into touch with the writers.

Mrs. McGavock presented the following:

My Sisters and Coworkers: I would like to say a few words, not as Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Work, the report of which you have just heard, but as the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board. We are told in Article II. of our Constitution the *object* of this Society. Are we, as the handmaidens of the Lord, to whom a trust has been committed, keeping this *object* continually before our eyes, first in our minds, and glowing with the fire of our heart's best affections? Are we measuring up to duty? Consider what responsibility is laid upon us, what honor is ours to help build up the temple of the living God in heathen hearts! Again, we are taught in Article III. of the Constitution: "This work shall be accomplished by organizing societies in each charge," etc. These societies are our sources of supply; the income of the Woman's Missionary Society does not come from the abundance of the rich, but largely from the penuries of the poor, who, in "the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, abounded unto the riches of their liberality." At no time in the history of the Society has a gift amounting to as much as \$5,000 come to our general treasury for the support of the foreign work. The Auxiliaries are to the work what the arteries are to the heart; turn aside the ruby current from the great reservoir, and death conquers life. So it *will* be, so it *must* be with our foreign work, unless you, its guardians, watch jealously the springs or sources of supply.

Turn your thoughts across the seas, and to a fair, sin-stricken land on our border. See there brave women toiling, praying, hoping; our representatives sent by us, because we could not or would not go ourselves. Sublime is their courage and faith—faith in God and in their sisters of the Woman's Board. They are calling to us to help them "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes." They mutely appeal to our better natures, our large-handed liberality, our unselfish love, to open the way for them to teach and preach Christ. We hear, but cannot "stretch forth the curtains of our hab-

itation," nor "break forth on the right hand and on the left" unless you "come to the help of the Lord—the help of the Lord against the mighty." We should press forward to "make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Do you recall when Peter preached that grand sermon on the day of Pentecost, and they that heard "were pricked in their heart," and said: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Does this Board, at its fifteenth anniversary, need to pause in its deliberations and ask: "What shall we do?" I trow not. You have planted this foreign work in the name of Christ; "the little one has become a thousand," and still it grows. Are you growing with it? Take this question home with you, ponder it in your hearts, and consider the disproportion between the membership of the Woman's Missionary Society and the great number of women in the M. E. Church, South, who are of us, but not with us.

I stand before you to-day and plead for the foreign work by the love you bear your Redeemer, by the perishing souls who have not heard of him, and by your obligations to the missionaries you have sent to the fields, not to be laggards in this great race, but to measure up to your strength, keeping in view the goal, and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The Board requested the publication of this heart-searching appeal in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

Mrs. Dowdell presented the following resolution:

Whereas the financial management of the Woman's Board of Missions has proven satisfactory, and is commended by those in authority; and whereas the General Board of Missions of our Church is seeking to place its affairs on the same basis; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Missions make its annual appropriations on the basis of the collections of the preceding year.

(Signed by twenty-one members of the Board.)

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Publication presented its report through Mrs. M. S. Andrews, Chairman. (See report, p. 117.) Two items of the report were adopted after amendment, all items pertaining to leaflets were recommitted, and the remaining items were adopted as read.

Miss Watts, missionary to Brazil, who was not present when the work of that field was discussed, was requested to speak to the Board in regard to that field. She gave an interesting account of the home and school life in the various mission stations in that country, and the possibilities of Petropolis, a health resort near Rio, and of Juiz de Fora. Specimens of the handiwork of the pupils of Miss Elerding and of the Collegio Piracicabano were shown by her. A dainty pincushion was presented to the Foreign Secretary, em-

broidered tray cloths to the six managers, and a handsome table cover to the President. By request, Miss Watts and Mrs. Brelsford sung a hymn in Portuguese.

Business was resumed. The Secretary read a memorial from the St. Louis Conference Society. Many of the petitions had already received consideration, but the paper was referred to the Committees on Revision and Extension of Work.

Mrs. Wolff, of St. Louis, was invited to speak on the mission in Key West, and spoke briefly, but earnestly, on the promising outlook in that field.

Mrs. Stone offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Board appreciates the thoughtful kindness of the ladies of the Alvin Auxiliary, Texas Conference Society, in sending through their Conference Secretary, Mrs. S. S. Park, the fragrant Cape jasmine, and assures them of their enjoyment of the beautiful flowers.

MRS. J. B. STONE,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, of the Indian Territory; Rev. J. E. Godbey, presiding elder of the Kansas City District; and Mrs. Goodfellow, an honored missionary worker from St. Louis, were introduced to the Board, and received cordial greeting.

On motion of the Secretary, the Board decided to hold an afternoon business session at 4 P.M., to hear the reports from the Board of Managers and the Agents of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wilson, and the meeting adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

At 3 P.M. the members of the Woman's Board reassembled to hear an address on the "Work of the Board in the Indian Territory," by Rev. J. J. Methvin.

Miss Marcia Marvin, who had spent some years as a missionary in that field, conducted the opening service, after which Rev. J. J. Methvin gave a graphic account of the work at Anadarko, and its possibilities. The hour was one of interest and profit to every lover of Missions.

At 4 P.M. the Board was called to order for business. Thirty-four members were present at roll call. Mrs. Wightman presiding.

The minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and approved.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, including the report of the Principal, was presented by Miss Gibson.

Report of Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School offer greeting to the Woman's Board of Missions, and with peculiar pleasure present our annual report within the walls of the institution which you have intrusted to our care. The guardianship has been a pleasure, and we render gratefully an account of our stewardship. Last year you enjoyed hearing of our plans, and listening to the description given in the report of the Building Committee, pictured the institution to your imagination. To-day you enjoy the fruition of your hopes and prayers, and the embodiment of your desires, in this well-equipped and substantial school, which, we believe, will prove more and more a blessing to you and to the world.

The building was dedicated to the glory of God and the uplifting of humanity, Wednesday, September 14, 1892. The school began its work the next day, September 15, and the first patient entered the hospital September 21, 1892.

On dedication day, at a meeting of this Board, the Easter Committee was appointed: Miss Mary Helm, Miss Belle H. Bennett, and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, who prepared a program for Easter Sunday, which day was generally observed as directed by your body, resulting in a collection already reported of \$4,000. The important topic of Temperance was added to the Course of Study at that meeting of the Board.

The Advisory Members provided for in the Constitution have been elected, and represent eight branches of the Church of Christ: "Mrs. M. E. Jacobs, Southern Presbyterian; Mrs. C. A. Young, Northern Presbyterian; Mrs. H. C. Harper, Cumberland Presbyterian; Mrs. J. K. Burnham, Congregational; Mrs. Martin, Methodist Episcopal; Mrs. J. M. Philips, Baptist; Mrs. D. O. Smart, Christian; Mrs. Hiram George, English Lutheran. Effects substantial and spiritual have been gained from the helpful coöperation of these representative women.

The work of this Board during the year has been done chiefly through the Executive Committee, composed of the President and Treasurer of the Board and the Principal of the Training School, who is also its Secretary. Vacancies in the Faculty have been filled by them; the furnishing of the building has been attended to with judgment and taste; the many needs that must, of necessity, arise in the maintenance of so large a building have been met, and the examination of applicants for admission to the school has received careful attention; while the finances of the institution in this initial year have been their special care. Their work has been done "as unto the Lord."

At the annual meeting held Saturday, June 3, 1893, the following action was had:

That the Woman's Board of Missions be requested to appoint Easter Sunday this year as a day for Training School offerings, and that Mrs. Nathan

Scarritt, Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, and Miss Maria L. Gibson be appointed the Committee on Easter Programs.

That the *Evangel* be adopted as the organ of the School, and that Miss E. E. Holding be elected editor for the ensuing year; also that a vote of thanks be given Miss Holding for her valuable services during the year just closed.

That as the term of office of three managers (Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, and Mrs. Julia Simpson) expires at this date, that Miss Bennett and Mrs. Wightman be reelected, and as Mrs. Simpson's ill health compels her to decline further service, that Mrs. Reuben Mastin, an earnest missionary worker, be elected in her stead. The withdrawal of Mrs. Simpson from the Board is a source of regret, and our prayers will ascend for her speedy recovery.

That resolutions of thanks be given Mr. J. S. Lithgow, of Louisville, Ky., and his five daughters for the endowment of the Hannah Lithgow Lectureship, \$5,000; and to a friend who prefers to remain unknown, for a gift of \$2,500. "Their names are written in heaven."

That thanks be given to the medical lecturers; hospital staff; Mrs. A. R. Lyon, instructor in music; Rev. C. M. Bishop, Professor in the Department of Christian Evidences; and Miss Anna McCoy Francis, teacher of physical culture—all of whom gave their voluntary services during the year.

At a subsequent meeting, it was decided that scholarships must be paid in full before pupils can be entered on them.

We append an abstract of the first annual report of the Principal made to our Board at the above meeting. The report gave in detail the condition of every department and the financial *status* of the school, and was approved.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

To the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The year just closed has been one of new experiences and adjustments. The work in every department has been in a degree experimental; and yet, looking back, we recognize the hand of God in all the details that have been comprised in the work of the year, and realize that from the opening day to the present hour He for whom the school was planned has been our Helper. To him be the praise!

Thirty-four students have been enrolled during the year, fourteen boarding in the school and twenty residing in Kansas City and vicinity. Of these seven are nurse pupils, and the remainder Bible scholars and students in training for missionary work.

The work in every department has been thorough and practical. The schedule of daily work which was published in the *Evangel* at the beginning of the year has been carried out, and the health, physical and spiritual, and the symmetrical development of the students have been the care of the Faculty. Work has been hindered by the fact that but few of the pupils came at the beginning of the year. Students have entered every month until March, after which date those who applied were advised to wait until September. The Bible Department can claim the largest enrollment of students. In addition to the daily recitations, a ladies' Bible class has been held

on Thursday afternoons and a teachers' class for the study of the International Sunday School Lessons on Friday evenings, during the year. An enthusiasm for Bible study has been awakened in the students in these classes which has communicated itself to other members of the households represented.

Students have gained valuable knowledge in the Department of Church History; have acquired an insight into the deep truths of revelation in the Department of Christian Evidences; have had training in promptness, neatness, and systematic performance of duty, and invaluable lessons in domestic economy in the Industrial Department; have learned in the Nurse Training Department to know the needs of the human body, the necessity of caring for it when well, and how to restore health when ill. Lessons on the organ have been given to five students, who have made commendable progress despite the fact that there was but one instrument on which to practice. The physical culture lessons have been very helpful, especially when outdoor exercise was impracticable. In the City Mission Department most useful training has been had preparatory to experience in wider fields elsewhere. The house to house visiting has been especially helpful. Thursday afternoon of each week has been devoted to this work, and six students have reported: Visits paid, 529; prayers offered, 64; Bible read, 41; books distributed, 107; papers distributed, 45; books lent, 6; Bibles given, 2. These statistics have been taken from the record which they are required to keep. But two of the six have done a full year's work, the others having entered since January.

In addition to these, Miss Tucker, who took the Bible course only, and devoted most of her time to mission work, making visits sometimes daily—while the other students made weekly visits only—reports: Visits paid, 345; prayers offered, 91; literature distributed, 1,000 pages of tracts, 200 scripture texts; Bibles given, 10; garments bestowed, 175.

Cottage prayer meetings have been held since February with most gratifying results. Students' prayer meetings have been held weekly, and the daily evening prayer service has been held by teachers and pupils, in alphabetical order.

The hospital in connection with the Nurse Training Department has been a means of grace to many sufferers, and an educational and financial advantage to the school. The superintendent of nurses in charge gives the following report: Patients entered from September 21 to June 1, 78 (14 males and 64 females); number of births, 4; number of operations performed, 70; number of deaths, 6; number of visits made by physicians, 321.

Seventeen of the ablest physicians of the city compose the Faculty, while the hospital staff is composed of seven surgeons and eight physicians who have given their services alternately in terms of one month, treating free of charge all patients entered as staff cases, while six specialists on diseases of eye and ear, nose and throat, dermatology, dentistry, and nervous disorders have acted on the staff throughout the year, securing advantages to students and patients. Honor is due these and all who have given time and influence to make the year's work a success.

Gifts have been numerous—to detail them would make a long list to whom the school is debtor.

The expenses of the first year have been heavy, including, as they did, both furnishings and furniture; outfitting of the hospital, operating room, and pharmacy; the introduction of gas and gas fixtures; the heating and lighting of the building; and hospital, household, and office expenses. A summary of the financial statement shows

Receipts from furnishing fund through J. S. Chick, Treasurer.....	\$ 8,063 72
Receipts from hospital, board, books, fees, and all other sources..	4,261 39
Total.....	\$12,325 11

Of this amount, \$11,692.40 had been expended May 31, 1893, leaving a balance in deposit to the credit of Training School of \$632.71.

MARIA L. GIBSON, *Principal*.

The record for the year is presented for your approval.

The experience of the year has taught us that an increase of endowment is necessary. Well endowed, the possibilities before this school are measureless; without adequate endowment, its progress will be impeded, its usefulness lessened; it cannot realize the object for which it was created.

We commend to you this, your school, which owes its existence, under God, to your prayers and your efforts. We look to you, its projectors, to help us to realize our aims as to its future prosperity and usefulness.

On behalf of the Board.

M. L. GIBSON, *Recording Secretary*.

On motion, the report was adopted without discussion.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent and Treasurer, presented her annual financial report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Mrs. M. D. Wightman also presented her report as Agent of the same.

Report of Agents and Treasurer of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Receipts from June 1, 1892, to June 1, 1893.

Balance June 1, 1892.....	\$10,476 71
Alabama Conference.....	184 78
Arkansas Conference.....	250 61
Baltimore Conference.....	140 12
Denver Conference.....	6 45
East Columbia Conference.....	2 75
East Texas Conference.....	275 00
Florida Conference.....	277 89
Holston Conference.....	1,500 00
Indian Mission Conference.....	20 05
Kentucky Conference.....	1,733 52
Little Rock Conference.....	205 50
Los Angeles Conference.....	2,531 55
Louisiana Conference.....	76 35
Louisville Conference*.....	924 96
Memphis Conference.....	552 94
Mississippi Conference.....	223 75
Missouri Conference.....	1,205 78

*Cash receipts, \$924.96; stock receipts, \$5,000. Total, \$5,924.96.

North Alabama Conference.....	\$ 167 39
North Carolina Conference.....	131 42
North Georgia Conference.....	1,342 10
North Mississippi Conference.....	1,554 52
North Texas Conference.....	83 95
Northwest Texas Conference.....	382 28
Pacific Conference.....	57 85
South Georgia Conference.....	562 64
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	2,887 47
Special Donations.....	100 00
St. Louis Conference.....	716 15
Tennessee Conference.....	871 98
Texas Conference.....	387 95
Virginia Conference.....	182 66
West Texas Conference.....	199 95
Western Conference.....	171 17
Western North Carolina Conference.....	174 89
Western Virginia Conference.....	179 27
White River Conference.....	37 10
Unclassified Conferences.....	16 38
"Christian Womanhood".....	4 04—\$30,799 87

1892.

Disbursements.

June 16. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for endowment.....	\$ 5,000 00
July 5. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for furnishing.....	5,000 00
Sept. 6. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for endowment.....	3,000 00
Nov. 11. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for furnishing.....	2,017 86
28. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for furnishing.....	500 00
1893.	
Jan. 24. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for furnishing.....	1,500 00
April 18. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, optional.....	4,000 00
General office and traveling expenses.....	327 86
Printing and mailing literature.....	652 20
Salary of bookkeeper and secretary to June 1, 1893.....	619 17— 22,617 09
Balance June 1, 1893.....	\$ 8,182 78

1892.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

Dec. 22. Received Certificate A, 50 shares of stock, Ohio Falls Car Manufacturing Company, Clarksville, Ind., issued to J. S. Lithgow, date November 12, 1892, to be transferred to the Scarritt Bible and Training School..	\$ 5,000 00
1893.	
Jan. 23. Transferred the above 50 shares of stock to J. S. Chick, Treasurer, to be applied to the endowment of the Hannah Lithgow Lectureship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	\$ 5,000 00

SUMMARY.

Total cash receipts for 1892-93.....	\$20,323 16
Total stock receipts for 1892-93.....	5,000 00—\$25,323 16

SPECIALS.

THE BELLE BENNETT CHAIR.

Alabama Conference.....	\$	184	78
Arkansas Conference.....		150	61
East Texas Conference.....		175	00
Florida Conference.....		245	24
Little Rock Conference.....		130	50
Los Angeles Conference.....		2,531	55
Memphis Conference.....		552	94
Missouri Conference.....		130	01
North Alabama Conference.....		148	69
North Georgia Conference.....		391	33
Northwest Texas Conference.....		382	28
West Texas Conference.....		199	95
Western Virginia Conference.....		79	27
Unclassified Conferences.....		16	38—\$ 5,318 53

THE FRANCES BUMPASS LECTURESHIP.

North Carolina Conference.....	\$	131	42
Western North Carolina Conference.....		174	89—\$ 306 31

THE MORGAN CALLAWAY LECTURESHIP.

North Georgia Conference (completes).....		819	77
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THE KAVANAUGH LECTURESHIP.

Louisville Conference.....	\$	904	96
Florida Conference.....		21	35— 926 31

THE STEPHEN NOLAND LECTURESHIP.

Kentucky Conference.....		895	99
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THE STEPHEN OLIN LECTURESHIP.

White River Conference.....		37	10
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THE TENNESSEE LECTURESHIP.

Tennessee Conference.....		821	98
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Total for lectureships.....	\$	3,807	46
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THE ELIZABETH AVIS SCHOLARSHIP.

St. Louis Conference.....	\$	566	15
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THE HELEN FINLAY SCHOLARSHIP.

North Mississippi Conference (completes).....		1,051	76
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THE SAM JONES SCHOLARSHIP.

Kentucky Conference.....	\$	603	50
Special donations.....		100	00— 703 50

THE FANNIE MONTAGUE SCHOLARSHIP.

Missouri Conference (completes).....		1,015	02
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THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Baltimore Conference.....	\$	5	00
Kentucky Conference.....		30	00
North Georgia Conference		25	00— 60 00

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THE NORTH TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP.	
North Texas Conference.....	\$ 83 95
THE WEYMAN POTTER SCHOLARSHIP.	
South Georgia Conference.....	562 64
THE S. MYRA SMITH SCHOLARSHIP.	
North Mississippi Conference.....	170 15
THE TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP.	
Texas Conference.....	387 95
THE CARRIE STEELE WATERHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP.	
Holston Conference (completes).....	1,500 00
Total for scholarships	\$ 6,101 12
THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ROOM.	
Arkansas Conference.....	\$ 100 00
THE ASHLAND AUXILIARY ROOM.	
Virginia Conference.....	42 28
THE MINNIE BLADES ROOM.	
Kentucky Conference.....	105 00
THE BENTON IMMANUEL CHURCH ROOM.	
St. Louis Conference	75 00
THE SUE A. BENNETT ROOM.	
Kentucky Conference.....	3 03
Louisville Conference	20 00— 23 03
THE BELLE BENNETT ROOM.	
Kentucky Conference	30 00
THE HATTIE CALLAWAY ROOM.	
North Georgia Conference.....	100 00
THE EAST TEXAS ROOM.	
East Texas Conference.....	100 00
THE EVANGEL OFFICE.	
St. Louis Conference.....	75 00
THE FLORENCE JUVENILES ROOM.	
North Alabama Conference.....	18 70
THE ALICE FOXWORTHY ROOM.	
Tennessee Conference.....	50 00
THE CORNELIA GUNNING ROOM.	
Mississippi Conference.....	100 00
THE LAURA JONES ROOM.	
North Georgia Conference.....	6 00
A ROOM (UNNAMED).	
Louisiana Conference.....	25 00
THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ROOM.	
Mississippi Conference (completes)	80 55

THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE ROOM.

Missouri Conference (completes).....	\$ 25 00
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THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE ROOMS.

General Furnishing Fund.....	\$ 1,233 74
Chapel.....	210 44
Kitchen.....	28 01
Cartersville Room	50 46
Carthage Room.....	100 00
Boonville and Slater Rooms	349 86
Dining Room.....	176 67
Webb City Room.....	75 00
Nevada Room	57 20
Walnut Street Auxiliary ...	104 00
Centenary Auxiliary and Young People	191 90
Washington Street Auxiliary, Young People and Juveniles.....	150 54
Mrs. R. T. Wilson Room.....	75 00
Melrose "Workers for Christ".....	84 65— 2,887 47

THE TUCKER MEMORIAL ROOM.

Kentucky Conference.....	66 00
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THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ROOM.

Virginia Conference	100 00
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THE WALDRON ROOM.

Missouri Conference.....	35 75
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THE WESTERN CONFERENCE ROOM.

Western Conference.....	100 00
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THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ROOM.

Western Virginia Conference.....	100 00
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Total for furnishing rooms.....	\$ 4,238 48
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THE CLARA CHRISMAN WINDOW.

Mississippi Conference (completes).....	\$ 37 75
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THE SUE WINFIELD BOOKCASE.

Little Rock Conference	\$ 75 00
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SUMMARY.

Total for chair.....	\$ 5,318 53
Total for lectureships.....	3,807 46
Total for scholarships	6,101 12
Total for rooms.....	4,244 78
Total for window.....	37 75
Total for bookcase	75 00
Total undirected receipts.....	405 91
Total reserved receipts (North Mississippi Conf.)....	332 61
Total stock receipts for Hannah Lithgow Lectureship from Louisville Conference.....	5,000 00—\$25,323 16

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Agent and Treasurer.*

*Mrs. M. D. Wightman, in Account with the Scarritt Bible and Training School
from June 1, 1892, to May 22, 1893.*

South Carolina Conference.....	\$ 1,586 87
South Georgia Conference.....	25 00
Louisiana Conference.....	216 95
Little Rock Conference.....	169 15
North Mississippi Conference.....	103 50
Mississippi Conference.....	30 00
Virginia Conference.....	334 00
White River Conference.....	205 62
Bishop W. W. Duncan.....	100 00
Rev. H. V. Philpott, Texas.....	11 25
Interest on deposit.....	16 68
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	\$ 2,799 02
Less check on First National Bank, Little Rock, Ark.....	31 65
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Total remitted to J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for year ending May,
1893.....\$ 2,767 37

RECAPITULATION.

November 2, 1889, to May 22, 1893.

Remitted to Mrs. McTyeire, 1890.....	\$ 1,246 41
Remitted to Miss Bennett, 1890.....	574 15
Remitted to J. S. Chick, 1891.....	3,859 06
Remitted to J. S. Chick, 1892.....	2,427 80
Remitted to J. S. Chick, 1893.....	2,767 37
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Total remitted from November, 1889, to May 22, 1893.....	\$10,874 79
Total traveling expenses.....	239 05
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Total collections by Mrs. M. D. Wightman.....\$11,113 84

These reports were adopted.

Mrs. Carriger presented a resolution as follows:

Whereas the design of an endowed scholarship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School is, in part, to furnish free training to the candidates for foreign missionary work, and as the selection of the beneficiary of a scholarship is important and requires all the wisdom and experience necessary to the choice of a missionary; therefore be it

Resolved, That the recommendation of such applicant to the benefits of a scholarship shall proceed from the Woman's Board of Missions, this recommendation not to be construed as *acceptance* for missionary work.

M. R. CARRIGER.

At her request, the Board referred the resolution to a special committee for consideration, the result of their conference to be re-

ported to the Board at its next annual meeting, and requested the Chair to appoint said committee.

As the session had been prolonged, the President deferred the announcement of the committee until morning.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. J. Methvin.

FIFTH DAY.

At the appointed time and place the Woman's Board of Missions met in business session on Thursday, June 8, 1893.

Mrs. L. H. McHenry, of Nashville, Tenn., led the morning devotions. The thought of the hour was "Lead us into truth." Very appropriately Miss Bidmead and Miss McIntosh, of the Nurse Training Department of the Training School, sung "Lead, Kindly Light."

After the devotions, the roll was called and minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Taking up the unfinished business of the day before, the Chair announced as the committee called for the consideration of the resolution adopted at Wednesday's session Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, the same to report at the sixteenth annual session of the Board.

Mrs. McHenry offered a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to deposit the funds of the Woman's Board of Missions in national banks only, distributing said funds as equally as possible among the three national banks of Nashville, Tenn.

MRS. L. H. MCHENRY.	MRS. S. N. JONES,
MRS. I. T. HENDRIX,	MRS. H. T. STEELE.
MRS. W. S. BLACK,	

The resolution occasioned discussion, as many members desired leaving the Treasurer discretionary power as to deposits without further instructions from the Board. However, as the Treasurer stated that she had no objection to the passage of the resolution, it was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Strother, the compiler of the Minutes was instructed to place a statement of receipts for foreign work and for the Training School on the same page as the Treasurer's report,

that the total receipts of the Woman's Missionary Society may be shown.

The report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The Committee on Extension of Work presented its final report through the Chairman.

The appropriations for Mexico were approved and the recommendations adopted. At the close of the report, Mrs. Strother objected to its adoption as a whole, and moved that the report of the committee be amended by appropriating \$40,000 to the establishment of work in Key West.

A long discussion followed, some members taking the position that it is dangerous to incur debt, and that the incubus of debt paralyzes the efforts of mission boards; others urging strenuously that projecting new work at this meeting would stimulate the waning energies of their Auxiliary Societies.

When the vote was taken many declined to vote, thinking the amount named in the motion too high.

Mrs. Strother consented to an amendment changing the figures from \$40,000 to \$26,000.

Mrs. Harris, of the Florida Conference Society, moved to amend the amendment by substituting \$10,000, conditional, for \$26,000.

As substitute for both motion and amendments, the motion was made that this Board open work in Key West. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Truheart moved that the Board enter Petropolis, which had been recommended by Bishop Wilson. This motion prevailed.

On motion of Mrs. Truheart, the question as to the amount to be appropriated was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

On motion of Mrs. Park, the Board pledged itself to use every effort in its power to raise during the present year \$100,000 for the foreign work.

The Committee on Publication, through its Chairman, Mrs. Andrews, made report concerning the items committed at the previous session. The report was adopted as read. (See report, p. 117.) The report of the committee, as amended, was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was presented by Mrs. C. W. Brandon, the Chairman, and adopted. (See report, p. 116.)

Miss Clara Steger and Miss Willie Bowman, newly accepted missionary candidates, were presented to the Board.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Park, and adopted unanimously:

Whereas the Woman's Board of Missions, in common with our whole Church, has felt painful suspense on account of the recent serious illness of Rev. Dr. I. G. John, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and whereas it has pleased God to hear prayer, both in his and in our behalf in restoring him to comparative health; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the affliction of our brother and friend we have been afflicted; that we recognize the invaluable labors of Dr. John in providing large and reliable missionary intelligence for the Church, his perfect consecration to the work of his arduous office, and that we will continue to entreat our Father to spare him to the work for which he is needed, and to which he has shown himself so happily adapted.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,
MRS. S. S. PARK.

The time was extended to hear the report of the Committee on Finance, which was presented by Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman. (See report, p. 118.) The report was adopted.

At 12:40 P.M. the meeting adjourned to 3 P.M. to hold the closing session.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. M. Bishop.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Woman's Board met at 3 o'clock for the final session of the fifteenth annual meeting. Thirty-five members were present, the President in the chair.

Mrs. E. H. Pearce, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference Society, led the opening service, at the close of which the roll was called and the minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and approved.

The Committee on Revision presented a report on those items that had been committed to it. This report was adopted, and the report, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (This report, which was short, is printed with the first presented, to make complete the report of the committee.)

Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of the *Little Worker*, was invited to present the claims of that paper before the Board. This lover of children, who has such well-founded faith in their possibilities for usefulness, pleaded with the Board to work up "its undeveloped gold mine—the children." During her earnest appeal a pledge was

quietly circulated, resulting in a list of 105 new subscriptions to the *Little Worker*.

Mrs. W. S. Black, appointed historian at the last annual meeting to prepare the history of the Woman's Board for the "Handbook of Missions," published by Dr. John, made report that she had completed her work, and that the pamphlet is now on sale at the Publishing House in Nashville.

The thanks of the Board were tendered Mrs. Black for the work accomplished.

The Committee on Extension of Work presented its report on the subject referred to it at the morning session. The report, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The present Publishing Committee was reëlected.

The selection of the place of holding the sixteenth annual meeting was next in order. Memphis and Knoxville, Tenn.; Greensboro, N. C.; Meridian, Miss.; and Atlanta, Ga., sent cordial invitations, which were pressed with earnestness by their representatives present. Atlanta, Ga., was selected.

Mrs. Carriger offered the following:

The Holston Conference Woman's Missionary Society desires to express through its delegate the gratification at the success attained by Mrs. F. A. Butler as Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. With pride we claim her as Holston's own, and ask the privilege of congratulating ourselves and the whole Society that in our Church there should have been found, at the beginning of a new and untried line of work for women, one providentially trained and peculiarly fitted to bring out of nothing and develop to such a degree of perfection a paper the excellence of which has been acknowledged by competent authority outside the line of partiality.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. W. S. Black presented \$1.50 from a little boy (David Gibson, of North Carolina), to be given to Miss Haygood to buy a Bible for a little boy in China. The money was given to the Treasurer of the Board, while a blessing was asked on the giver.

Mrs. McHenry offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved That to Mr. D. M. Smith, the courteous and efficient Business Manager of the Publishing House at Nashville, the thanks of the Board are given for his repeated kindnesses during the year to Miss A. M. Barnes in her work for the Woman's Board of Missions—in furnishing illustrations for the leaflets and the *Little Worker*, and in advancing in many ways her literary labors as editor.

The Secretary read an invitation to this Board from the World's

Congress Auxiliary to send to the Woman's Congress of Missions to be held during the World's Fair in Chicago one representative from the administrative department and one from its missionaries in the field. The Recording Secretary, Miss M. L. Gibson, and Miss M. H. Watts, missionary to Brazil, were elected as the representatives, the former of the administrative department, and the latter of the missionaries in the field—provided the World's Fair is closed on Sunday.

On motion, the students of the Scarritt Bible and Training School were invited to come forward to be presented to the Board, which desired to thank the young ladies for their beautiful ministries to the members of the body. The President offered them words of affectionate greeting, and, in the name of the Board, expressed gratitude to them for their tender and graceful courtesies during the meeting.

The Committee on Resolutions offered its report through Mrs. W. S. Black, Chairman, and it was adopted by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That with devout thanksgiving to our God for the munificent gift of these buildings and grounds through his chosen instrument, our honored benefactor, Dr. Nathan Scarritt, and the efforts of Miss Belle Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman; with joy unfeigned at the remembrances of these mercies, and with gratitude sincere to the beloved Principal and all connected with the Bible and Training School, this Board acknowledges its many obligations. Upon the corner stone we read: "Comfort ye my people, saith your God." Comfort, both physical and spiritual, has been bestowed upon us; and we pray all blessings from the Father upon this, our school, now and in the coming years, that it may indeed become a great rock in a weary land, giving such courage and strength to those who rest beneath its shadows that they may carry to all nations tidings of the Saviour of the world.

2. That to Mrs. S. N. Jones and Mrs. M. G. Francis and their able Committee of Entertainment, Mrs. E. D. Hornbrook, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Mrs. G. P. Gross, and Mrs. A. Y. McDonald; to their skilled assistants, Mrs. W. T. Thornton, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. Alvin Holmes, Miss E. E. Holding, and the young ladies of the Training School, special thanks are due for the beautiful hospitality dispensed and the thoughtful and loving services so graciously and continuously given.

3. Our thanks are heartily tendered to the generous friends in Kansas City who have contributed so successfully to make our meeting a delight: to the Reception Committee; to the choirs of Melrose, Centenary, and Troost Avenue Churches, who have rendered such melodious praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords during our meeting; to the model pages, Helen

Hendrix and Florence Clarke, for their sweet, gentle ministrations; to all who have in any way aided in the entertainment of the Woman's Board.

4. That we, the members of this Board, are grateful for the wise oversight and tender consideration manifested toward our representatives in foreign fields by our chief pastors in charge. That it is always a joy to have our honored bishops at our meetings, and that we tender grateful thanks to Bishop Wilson for his most able sermon, and to Bishops Wilson and Hendrix for their presence and valued words of counsel and encouragement at this session of the Board.

5. That we rejoice to look once more into the faces of our Miss Watts, Miss Marvin, and Mrs. Brelsford, from Brazil; that for them—for those who are still bearing the burdens of the day—for all who have gone out from this Board, in whatever field they may now be, we earnestly pray continued and abundant blessings.

6. That while accepting the invitation of the Board to meet in Atlanta, Ga., in 1894, we express sincere thanks for the earnest desires for the entertainment of this body at its next annual meeting, which have come from Meridian, Miss.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Greensboro, N. C.; and Memphis, Tenn. May the blessing promised to the "deviser of liberal things" be theirs!

7. The committee having considered the papers sent to it by the Board, further reports that, in reply to the query which comes so frequently from Auxiliaries, "How can we increase our membership?" we can give no fresh suggestions, methods which succeed in some localities being complete failures in others. But *individual consecration* to the work, showing daily by conversation and life that we are indeed handmaidens of the Lord, seeking to "give bread to the perishing," with the word spoken in season, cannot fail of blessed results.

8. That we recommend the plan of systematic giving, striving earnestly to create a sentiment in favor of the tithe system, doing all in our power to discourage every questionable method of raising funds. Then shall we escape the embarrassment of an inadequate treasury, and also maintain the gospel standard. To bring about this end, we recommend the appointment of the following committee: Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, Miss E. Billingsley, and Miss M. L. Gibson, to prepare some plan whereby systematic beneficence may be presented practically and personally to every Auxiliary in the Woman's Missionary Society, and to report to the next annual meeting of the Board.

Mrs. W. S. BLACK, *Chairman*.

Mrs. Cunningham asked and obtained the privilege of presenting the following resolution, to which twenty-six names were affixed:

Resolved, That the delegates and visitors to the Woman's Board of Missions who have been so hospitably entertained in the Training School do hereby express their unfeigned thanks to the Principal, the Matron, the teachers, and the young ladies of the institution for their unremitting and cheerful ministration to their comfort during this meeting.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Trueheart offered a resolution as follows, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we thank God for the women he has called who are now in the various fields under the auspices of this Board: in China, Brazil, Mexico, and the Indian Territory. We have had much to be thankful for in the devotion, activity, and power of these godly women. Not only is this true of those now in our service, but of those, who having married, are holding up the hands of their husbands as they give their gospel message to the heathen. We honor and love these women and pray for their continued success.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, MISS M. L. GIBSON,
MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, MRS. J. B. STONE,
and others.

Mrs. Dowdell offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Whereas we, the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Kansas City, believe that the peace, prosperity, and perpetuity of our beloved country are dependent on the recognition of the law of God and obedience to its commands; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we protest against the violation of the compact entered into between the representatives of the nation and the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition in reference to the opening of the gates of said Exposition on Sunday.

2. That we pray that all possible means be used by those in authority to enforce said contract.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,
MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM.

The following resolution was presented and carried unanimously:

Resolved, That as in the generous offer and subsequent gift of the large amount necessary to establish a training school for the Woman's Board of Missions, the Rev. Nathan Scarritt had the perfect sympathy and coöperation of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Scarritt, we feel constrained to recognize her as, in large part, the founder of this beautiful institution, and to her we now extend our sisterly sympathy in the bereavement she has sustained, our heartfelt interest in her best welfare, and our earnest prayer that all the future years of her life may be as full of effective and loyal work for Christ as have been those in the past.

MRS. S. S. PARK,
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN.

Mrs. Harvey offered the following:

Resolved, That as Miss M. A. Barnes has made an admirable Editor of Leaflets, bringing to her work energy and ability, we desire to express our high appreciation of her services, our congratulations on her success, and our approval of her editorial work.

MRS. J. R. HARVEY,
MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

Mrs. Butler, the Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, addressed the Board, thanking the members for the indorsement of

her work given at this session, and urging the Conference Secretaries to see that agents are appointed in every Auxiliary and that these agents are notified of the liberal commission allowed them of ten cents for each new subscriber and five cents for each renewal to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

Mrs. Steele asked that the West Texas Conference Society be remembered in prayer by the Board, that some of its daughters be called to be missionaries.

Mrs. Brandon gave a message of love to the Board from Mrs. Juliana Hayes, its absent President; and the members, mindful of her labors in the past and the share she had in organizing the Woman's Missionary Society, pledged themselves to offer daily prayers for her that "at evening time it shall be light"—a fitting close to the business of the meeting.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Miss Gibson, as Principal of the Training School, thanked the Board for its appreciative words to herself, her colaborers, and the students, expressed her personal pleasure in being privileged to entertain its members—her fellow-laborers in the Lord—and committed anew to their care the school and its interests.

The President, Mrs. Wightman, said a few tender words in closing, calling her colaborers to earnest prayer and to seeking the Holy Spirit for the enduement of power.

Come, ye that love the Lord,
And let your joys be known,

was sung by request. Bishop Hendrix, in a closing prayer, commended the work and the workers to God and the word of his grace; and the fifteenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions stood adjourned.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Recording Secretary*.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *President pro tem*.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missionary Candidates.

In submitting this report there is a keen sense of duties omitted, of prayers unuttered; else we would have to recommend to the favor of this Board many more daughters of the King, competent and willing to become light bearers to our sisters still in the darkness of heathendom.

1. We indorse the action had at a called meeting of the Board in the acceptance of Miss Bessie Moore, missionary candidate from the Tennessee Conference Society, who has been appointed to work in Brazil.

2. Finding the papers and personal examination of Miss Willie Bowman, missionary candidate from the St. Louis Conference Society, satisfactory, we recommend that she be accepted, and that she be granted the benefit of a year in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, her friends to assume all necessary expenses of the same.

3. Miss Maggie F. Gregory, of the Virginia Conference Society, also presents satisfactory papers through the legitimate channel; but not having come before the Board, we respectfully, yet earnestly, recommend her acceptance when this requirement has been met; and if the way be clear for Miss Gregory to avail herself of the privileges of the Training School, she be advised to do so.

4. Miss Clara Steger, of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society, presents recommendations of the highest order. When her papers have been before the Board the time prescribed by the law we request her acceptance and appointment to the foreign field.

The papers of several other intelligent, consecrated young ladies were placed before the committee; but as their health certificates were insufficient, they cannot be recommended for acceptance.

Inattention to the legal requirements to be observed in presenting the application of missionary candidates has given much perplexity to your committee. We would again emphasize the law that all missionary candidates *must appear* before the Examining Committee of their Conference Society, and that all applications must be sent through the Conference Corresponding Secretary and reach the Foreign Secretary *not less than three months before the annual meeting of the Board.*

Your committee further prays that the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, unite in earnest petitions that the Holy Spirit may move upon the hearts of our women and constrain us to present to our Father our *best gifts*.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON, *Chairman.*

Publication.

This committee, having considered the business placed before it, begs to submit the following recommendations:

Whereas we recognize the ability of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and that of Miss A. M. Barnes, Editor of the *Little Worker*; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend their continuance in their respective offices.
2. That the present assistant to the Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be continued.
3. That said assistant take charge of the mailing list of both organs; that she send out the leaflets, and be made Agent of the *Little Worker*.
4. That while we appreciate the good accomplished by all missionary publications, we think it advisable for the *Woman's Board of Missions* to urge the zealous support of its own connectional organs.

Whereas, we believe the Young People's Department in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has a tendency to enlist greater interest in the missionary work on the part of our young people, and whereas we recognize that it is from their ranks that our future missionaries, as well as home workers, are to come; therefore be it

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance of that department.
6. That there be published not less than six thousand copies of the fifteenth Annual Report, including the minutes of the fifteenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions.
7. That no more summarized reports, Constitutions, blanks, and slips be provided than are absolutely necessary.
8. That twelve varieties of leaflets for Adult, Young People's, and Juvenile Societies be issued.
9. That the programs for Adults and Young People be published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and the Juvenile programs be published in the *Little Worker*.

10. That as the Editor of Leaflets has resigned, we recommend that Mrs. A. W. Wilson be elected to the office.

Whereas we have on hand such great quantities of leaflets,

11. *Resolved*, That the editor send out with the new ones as many of these as she may deem advisable.
12. That we recommend to the Conference Secretaries the maps of the countries that contain our mission stations, which will soon be ready for use.
13. That the Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be requested to insert in brackets the proper pronunciation of the names of the foreign missionary Bible women, workers, and stations; also the places mentioned in mission studies.

14. That we recommend that the election of the Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* be made quadrennially.

15. That we recommend to those who desire printed forms of prayer B. D. Palmer's "Aid and Guide," for sale at the Publishing House; and beg to suggest that sentence prayers are valuable helps.

MRS. M. S. ANDREWS, *Chairman*.

Finance.

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends the following appropriations for local expenses:

1. For the President in prosecuting the work of the Board, \$250.
2. For clerical and office expenses of Foreign Secretary, \$1,200.
3. For office expenses of Secretary of Home Affairs, \$250, and \$50 contingent.
4. For office expenses of Treasurer, \$50.
5. For publications ordered by the Board, the Treasurer to meet the expenses of mailing the same, \$850 and \$100 contingent.
6. For publishing and mailing leaflets, \$600, and \$100 contingent.
7. For Editor and Agent of *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, \$100 per month, to be paid from the proceeds of the paper.
8. For assistant to the Editor and Agent of above, \$500, to be paid from receipts of the paper.
9. For Editor of juvenile paper, \$750, to be paid from the receipts of the paper, if possible; if not, to be supplemented to the amount of \$300 from the contingent fund.
10. That the Agent of the juvenile paper be paid \$100 from the contingent fund.
11. That \$250 be paid the Editor of Leaflets.
12. We further recommend that the debt on the juvenile paper be provided for out of the general treasury. MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, *Chairman*.

Extension of Work.

CHINA.

The work in China was carefully considered, and the following adjustments are submitted and recommended by the committee for adoption:

For Shanghai District.—It being necessary for Miss Haygood to return to the United States for rest and change, it is recommended that Miss Richardson be left in charge of McTyeire Home and School, with Miss Reynolds and Mrs. Gaither as assistants; that Miss Bomar be placed in charge of Clopton Boarding School, with competent native assistants; that Miss Hughes have the care of the day schools, with Miss Smithey as assistant.

For Soochow District.—As Dr. Park returns to the United States this spring, the hospital is left without a physician, and Mrs. Campbell, not having taken a regular medical course, is unwilling to assume the responsibility.

Dr. Margaret Polk asks permission to spend a year in gaining experience in the practice of medicine and taking some special courses. To secure this advantage, she offers to send a physician to the Soochow hospital until she goes out herself. This physician is fully qualified to discharge the duties of the position, because of a thorough course and honorable graduation in a medical college and successful practice in a first-class hospital in Philadelphia.

Dr. Polk relinquishes all claim upon the Board for salary for the time, and will pay the traveling expenses of this physician to the field, the Board paying her the usual missionary salary during her time of actual service.

It is recommended that Dr. Polk's desire be granted and the matter left in the hands of the Foreign Secretary to arrange. Should this arrangement not be carried out, Mrs. Campbell is at liberty to use her discretion in employing another physician to fill the vacancy.

Miss Richardson is recommended for appointment as Treasurer during the absence of Miss Haygood.

A memorial from our representatives in China relative to Mrs. J. W. Lambuth was read, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this memorial meets our heartiest approval. Remembering the long and unwearied service of this veteran missionary, we will gladly welcome her to a place in our band of workers in the land of her adoption, and pray that she may live many years to labor among the people who commanded the love of her young womanhood and the ripened experience of her maturer life.

The Foreign Secretary was requested to send a resolution of thanks to Miss Johnston for her timely and sisterly aid to Miss Haygood in McTyeire School.

The following resolution was passed with reference to Dr. W. H. Park:

Whereas Dr. Park has rendered such efficient help to the Soochow hospital since the withdrawal of our medical missionary; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board expresses its appreciation of his valuable services, and will ever remember with gratitude his timely assistance, consecrated skill, and ability, as the outcome of that love which "constraineth" to *His* service.

MEXICO.

It is recommended that Miss Toland be granted leave of absence from her work in San Luis Potosi for six months, or until such time as the Board thinks she has recuperated from her twelve years of constant and devoted service in Mexico.

It is recommended that Miss Holding supply any deficiencies that may arise in the work at San Luis while Miss Toland is absent, and make any adjustments in the field that, in her judgment, seem necessary for the good of the work the coming year.

BRAZIL.

In the absence of Miss Watts for rest and change, it is recommended that Miss Phillips be appointed in charge of the school at Piracicaba.

Miss Alice Moore's request that she be released from school duties that she may enter upon evangelistic work cannot be granted during Miss Watts's absence from Piracicaba.

It is further recommended that Miss Ross be appointed to work with Miss Bruce at Juis de Fora.

The Board is highly gratified at the unparalleled success of the school at Juis de Fora under Miss Bruce's management, and recommends that it be continued on the same basis.

Realizing the importance of keeping up the day school at Rio, the Board

tenders grateful thanks to Mrs. Ella Granbery Tucker for coming to its help in time of need and taking charge of the school, and requests that she will continue to render this valuable service as long as the way is open for her to do so, since it is not now possible to otherwise provide for the school.

Advice has come from the field that the Rio property cannot now be sold without great loss; and it is impossible, therefore, to enlarge in Brazil until this sale is effected. The property will continue to be rented until sold.

Miss Marvin declines to go to Brazil, and another missionary will be sent.

Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, missionary of the Woman's Board of Missions in Brazil, presented the following to the committee:

I would respectfully ask of the Woman's Board of Missions the privilege of withdrawing from my connection with your honored body, on account of ill health.

Very respectfully,

MRS. E. E. BRELSFORD.

Mayfield, Ky., June 8, 1893.

This committee recommends that the resignation of Mrs. Brelsford be accepted.

INDIAN WORK.

After considering the Indian work, the following was heartily adopted:

The committee recommends, in consideration of the faithful and helpful service rendered the Woman's Board of Missions by Rev. J. J. Methvin, in addition to his other arduous labors, that this Board tender him personally \$500 as a token of respect and appreciation.

MEMORIALS.

The memorial of the Florida Conference in regard to opening work at Key West was considered. This field offers the usual inviting prospect of mission fields ripe for the gospel, but the committee cannot recommend that it be entered by the Board.

The memorial from the annual meeting of the Japan Mission, with reference to taking up work in that field, was next considered. The Woman's Board of Missions does not see the way clear to open work in this favored field.

The memorial from Nogales, Ariz., about establishing a boarding school for girls, received due attention. We recommend nonconcurrence.

The several memorials from the North Carolina, Virginia, Baltimore, Little Rock, and St. Louis Conferences, having been covered by the action of this Board in full session at this meeting, the committee thinks nothing further is necessary.

A memorial from the St. Louis Conference to the effect that our missionaries should be required to come home at stated intervals for rest is met by a resolution passed by this Board in 1891. We recommend nonconcurrence in regard to that part of the memorial which refers to the extension of the work.

When it is known that our missionaries asked for \$113,570 this year, and that the estimates have been cut down almost one-half to avoid becoming involved in debt, it is evident that the Board cannot enter new fields nor extend the work in those already occupied.

There is a key to the situation. Shall I say you hold it in your hand? It is to pledge yourselves *now*, with *one voice*, to raise \$100,000 *for the foreign work the coming year*. Go home and plan for it; work, pray, and give toward it; and you can verily say: "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them."

The Board having voted nonconcurrence to the recommendation of the committee to open no new work in the foreign field this year, and having referred to this committee the question of deciding the amount to be appropriated to the field chosen—viz., Petropolis, Brazil—the following action was had:

Resolved, That, since the Woman's Board desires that a smaller balance be left in our treasury, and has declared its wish to open work in Petropolis, Brazil, the committee recommends that \$25,000 be appropriated to open work in that city.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Chairman*.

Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE SOCIETY.	Post Office Address.	App'ed.
Miss Lochie Rankin.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1878
Miss Dora Rankin *.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	.....	1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1881
Miss Annie Williams †.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	West Texas.....	.....	1881
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	San Luis Potosí, Mexico.....	1881
Miss Anna J. Mose †.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert †.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.....	.....	1882
Miss Sarah Buford †.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas.....	.....	1882
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss Nora Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss Mattie B. Jones †.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1883
Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1883
Miss Jennie C. Wolf †.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.....	.....	1883
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton *.....	Paris, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	.....	1884
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D. †.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Lou E. Phillips †.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.....	Juis de Fora, State Minas Geraes, Brazil, S. A.....	1884
Miss Emma E. Kerr.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Soochow, China.....	1887
Miss Kate R. Roberts † *.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon †.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1887
Miss Bettie Hughes.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb †.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Ada Reagan †.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	.....	1887
Miss Mary McClellan.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1888

Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	Charlestown, W. Va.	Western Virginia.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.....	1888
Miss Mattie Dorsey.....	.....	.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Ella Granbery †.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	.....	1888
Miss A. Clara Chrisman *.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	.....	1889
Miss Ella Yarell †.....	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lida Howell †.....	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mex.....	1889
Miss Flora Baker †.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lula Ross.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.....	Rio de Janeiro, U. I. of Brazil, S. A.....	1889
Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1889
Mrs. E. E. Brelsford †.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.....	.....	1890
Miss May Littleton Smithey.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.....	Soochow, China.....	1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Soochow, China.....	1890
Miss Mary Turner.....	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Lucy Harper.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Kate P. Fannin.....	Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown †.....	Austin, Tex.....	North Texas.....	.....	1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren.....	Durango, Mex.....	.....	Durango, Mexico.....	1891
Miss Alice G. Waters.....	Murray, Ky.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Martha Pyles.....	Roscoe, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Soochow, China.....	1892
Miss Minnie Bonar.....	Marshall, Tex.....	East Texas.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Sue P. Blake.....	Micosukee, Fla.....	Florida.....	Soochow, China.....	1892
Mrs. Julia Gaither.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Emma Gary.....	Royston, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Soochow, China.....	1892
Miss Sallie B. Reynolds.....	Columbia, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Alice Moore.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1892
Miss Susan Littlejohn.....	Pacolet, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Juiz de Fora, State Minas Geraes, Brazil, S. A.....	1892
Miss Amelia Elderling.....	Naperville, Ill.....	.....	Rio de Janeiro, U. S. of Brazil, S. A.....	1892
Miss Delia Holding.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1892
Miss Bessie Moore.....	Savannah, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1893

* Deceased. † Not now employed. ‡ Married.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1893-94.

CHINA.

Shanghai District.

Shanghai: Salary of Miss Haygood.....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss Richardson.....		750	
Salary of Miss Hughes		750	
Salary of Miss Smithey.....		750	
Salary of Miss Bomar.....		750	
Salary of Miss Reynolds.....		750	
Salary of Mrs. Gaither.....		750	
Clopton school.....		800	
Day schools.....		1,000	
McTyeire Home and School.....		500	
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs.....		500	
Contingent for district.....	250—\$	8,300	
Nantziang schools.....	\$	150	
Taxes and repairs.....		50	200
Käding: Salary of Miss Rankin.....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss Kerr.....		750	
Anglo-Chinese school.....		450	
Day schools.....		450	
Woman's work.....		60	
House rent.....		120	
Incidentals and itineration.....	100—	2,680	
Total for Shanghai District.....			\$11,180

Soochow District.

Soochow: Salary of Mrs. Campbell.....	\$	750	
Home salary of Miss Atkinson.....		375	
Salary of Miss Blake.....		750	
Salary of Miss Pyles.....		750	
Salary of Miss Waters.....		750	
Salary of Miss Gary.....		750	
Boarding school.....		800	
Day schools.....		800	
Hospital.....	1,000		
Woman's work.....		200	
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....		250	
Contingent.....		500	
Total for Soochow District.....			7,675
Total for China.....			\$18,855

MEXICO.

Mexican Border Mission Conference.

Laredo Seminary: Salary of Miss N. E. Holding.....	\$ 750	
Itineration.....	300	
Salary of Miss Delia Holding.....	750	
Salary of matron.....	300	
Salary of two native teachers.....	300	
Salary of ten teachers.....	4,500	
Current expenses.....	3,000	
To repair windmill and well.....	300—	\$10,200
Laredo day school: Salary of Mrs. McClendon.....	\$ 750	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
House rent.	400—	1,300
Woman's work: Salary of Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	\$ 750	
Expense of work.....	150—	900
Nuevo Laredo school: Salary of native teacher.....		150
Saltillo: Salary of Miss Roberts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Fannin.....	750	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
Woman's work.....	150	
Salary of five teachers.....	2,000—	3,800
Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference.....		\$16,350

Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.

Chihuahua: Salary of Miss A. V. Wilson.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Turner.....	750	
Salary of Miss Dorsey.....	750	
Native teacher.....	150	
Salaries of three teachers.....	1,350	
Woman's work.....	150	
Taxes, repairs, and contingent.....	250—	\$ 4,150
Durango: Salary of Miss McFarren.	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Tydings.....	750	
Native teacher.....	240	
Salaries of three teachers.....	1,350	
Woman's work.....	150	
Charity school.....	150	
Taxes, repairs, and contingent.....	250—	3,640
Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....		\$ 7,790

Central Mexico Mission Conference.

San Luis Potosi: Salary of Miss Toland.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Harper.....	750	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
Salaries of six teachers.....	2,400	
Woman's work.....	150	
Total for Central Mexico Mission Conference.....		\$ 4,200
Total for Mexico.....		\$28,340

BRAZIL.

Piracicaba: Salary of Miss Watts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Phillips.....	750	
Salary of Miss Moore.....	750	
Sending out a missionary.....	1,200	
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....	400—	\$ 3,850
Rio de Janeiro: Salary of Miss Elerding.....	\$ 750	
Salary and travel of missionary.....	1,200	
Woman's work.....	500	
House rent.....	300	
Incidentals.....	250—	3,000
Juis de Fora: Salary of Miss Bruce.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Ross.....	750	
Salary of Miss Littlejohn.....	750	
House rent.....	1,000	
Incidentals.....	250	
Itineration for mission.....	250—	3,750
To open work in Petropolis.....		25,000
Total for Brazil.....		<u>\$35,600</u>

INDIAN MISSION.

Anadarko: Salary of teacher.....	\$ 400	
Salary of assistant teacher.....	300	
Salary of matron.....	300	
Salary of seamstress.....	200	
Salary of laundress.....	200	
Salary of cook.....	250	
Salary of Indian helpers.....	200	
Industrial teacher.....	300	
Food.....	400	
Clothing.....	200	
Fuel.....	200	
Laundry furniture.....	450	
Farm implements.....	100	
To build store room.....	225	
To build two rooms for employees.....	250	
Two horses and wagon for farm.....	275	
Miss Brewster's camp work.....	400	
Assistant camp worker.....	300	
Gift to Rev. J. J. Methvin.....	500	
Total for Indian Mission.....		<u>\$ 5,450</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

China.....	\$18,855
Mexico.....	28,340
Brazil.....	35,600
Indian work.....	<u>5,450</u>
Total.....	\$88,245
Additional for printing, medical candidate, office, and contingent.....	<u>6,000</u>
Grand total.....	<u>\$94,245</u>

CONSTITUTION. BY-LAWS, ETC.

Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and unite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our borders, and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, two Secretaries (one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such a manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this Society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both a Chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. X. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the foreign field, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly and annually a statement of the condition of the work, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Foreign Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Secretary of Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies, attend to the legal business of the same, and furnish for publication quarterly and annual statements of the work under her charge;

ART. XII. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Foreign Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIV. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the Eastern, the Southern, and the Western Societies of the Church.

By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting and arrange for anniversary exercises. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the Executive Officers and managers of the Board.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. Whenever the interest of the work demands it, the Foreign Secretary

shall call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies that may arise during the intervals of the annual meetings. A Secretary shall be elected, and in the absence of the President and Vice President, the members shall appoint a Chairman at each meeting.

6. No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated at these meetings.

7. The Foreign Secretary shall present to the called meetings of the Board all applications received by her from missionary candidates.

8. The minutes of these sessions shall be presented by the Foreign Secretary to the Board in annual session.

9. The Editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* and the Treasurer of the Memorial Fund shall be elected quadrennially.

10. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

RULES OF ORDER.

(a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.

(d) No member shall leave the room without the permission of the Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.

1. Roll call.

2. Reading minutes of opening session.

3. Report of Local Board.

4. Announcement of standing committees.

5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committee.

6. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Regular Daily Sessions.

1. Roll call.

2. Reading of Minutes.

3. Reports from standing committees.

4. Reports from special committees.

5. Miscellaneous business.

Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot. After organization, a Conference Society shall consist of the officers named above, and a delegate from each Society.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. The duties of the reserve shall cease upon the adjournment of the Board. If the reserve elect cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with the Auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Secretary of Home Affairs. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary of Home Affairs on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Mission. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 20th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with Auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

SEC. 12. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Executive Committee shall fill this vacancy.

SEC. 13. In those Conference Societies where the number of delegates to the annual meeting is so large that their entertainment has become burdensome and expensive the Society is accorded the privilege of arranging its own basis of representation.

Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Secretary of Home Affairs until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a Chairman and Secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members. The Chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers. When the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized, the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise the funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of ten cents a month may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer shall be read, and officers of the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and the reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, its missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) adjournment.

Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety, systematic giving, and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A Lady Manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests. It shall be the duty of the Lady Manager to assist and encourage the Society to advance the cause of Missions in accordance with the general rules governing the Auxiliary Societies and in no case advocating any action independent of the Conference Society.

ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life member by the payment of ten dollars.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of the meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of the members,

and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

Instructions to Missionaries.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed.

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field, every missionary of the Woman's Board is confidently expected to work in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned; also, that she will receive all instructions and all funds through this Agent, and send quarterly and annual reports through her to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must hold an annual meeting, the minutes of which, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded promptly to the Foreign Secretary of the Board by the Agent. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

6. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the Agents officially by the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

7. Missionaries must not involve the Societies in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

9. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Foreign Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

10. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be can-

celed, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board. Her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

11. If it becomes necessary for a missionary to return home temporarily because of ill health, she must send a certificate to that effect from a physician and the Agent in charge of the district in which she is stationed. The Board in such cases agrees to meet the expenses of her travel home, and pay her half salary for one year, if she is in harmony with the Woman's Board.

12. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the Agent in charge of her field.

13. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, and to secure good results; provided, always, that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

14. Every returned missionary is expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

15. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates," No. 16.

Manual for Missionary Candidates and for Missionaries.

This manual is intended for those who desire to engage in missionary work under the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is intended to serve instead of so many written and verbal inquiries, and it is presumed that candidates and missionaries will carefully read its contents.

QUALIFICATIONS.

The same general qualifications are requisite which are considered conditions of success at home: a sound physical constitution; intellectual ability; practical experience; adaptation to all circumstances and to persons of all classes; a cheerful, hopeful spirit; persistent energy in carrying out the plans of the Board—all controlled by a singleness of purpose and devotion to the cause of Christ. Facility in acquiring a foreign tongue is a valuable qualification; also a practical knowledge of domestic work is almost a necessity.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented first to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides in time to be forwarded to the Foreign Secretary, *not less than three months before the annual meeting* of the Woman's Board. The Conference Executive Committee must seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate, and know

something of her character and history, before her papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. The papers must be references from the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the President of the college where she was educated, and where she has taught; also from persons who have had good opportunities for knowing the candidate, her acquirements, capabilities, and Christian character. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving a brief history of her life; telling her age, place of residence, where educated, for whom and where she has taught, her religious experience and motives for wishing to enter missionary service. She should state particularly whether she has a sound constitution, and the condition of her health at the time; also any facts about herself which might prevent her acceptance.

3. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head. It is important that she be examined by a specialist for the ear, eye, throat, and lungs; and also secure a certificate from him of the soundness of these organs.

4. In the case of a medical missionary, in addition to the usual testimonials, she must secure certificates from the professors of the medical college in which she has taken the course.

5. The age of the candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five. Superior qualifications and circumstances may justify a deviation from this rule.

6. The testimonials of a missionary candidate may be summed up as follows: health, education, capabilities for teaching, executive and financial ability, with a general fitness for the work, and a consecrated purpose. These are essential qualities in mission work.

7. No candidate will be accepted unless she will give five years of single service to the Woman's Board from the time she reaches the field, unless her health should fail. She must sign an agreement to this effect: "If I voluntarily leave the service of this Board for any other cause than ill health, before the expiration of five years, I promise to refund to the Board the amount paid for my outfit and traveling expenses." This does not imply that her obligation for service ceases at the end of five years, but that she is bound for this length of time to refund the amount of outfit and travel if she leaves the work before the time expires. She must give six months' notice to the Board of her intention to leave the work, or forfeit her salary for that length of time.

8. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

9. Every candidate is required to come either before the committee in Nashville or before the Woman's Board in annual session.

10. If a candidate has been accepted or recommended for acceptance by the committee in Nashville, it is not necessary for her papers to come before the committee on missionary candidates at the annual meeting.

11. After her acceptance, the candidate must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

12. The traveling expenses of a candidate are paid from her home to the

mission field. Two hundred dollars is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor. The salary of a missionary is not to be regarded in any sense as *compensation* for labor performed, nor is it graded to suit the different abilities of the individuals, as in the ordinary business occupations of life. The amount received by the missionary is supposed to be what is necessary for her support while in the field. Compensation for this service will be found in the privilege of teaching the truth as it is in Christ to the Gentiles.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

(Questions to be copied, and answers written opposite.)

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?
(b) How long have you been a member?
3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?
4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of this Board your life work?
5. Are you willing to go to any field?
6. Have you had experience in Christian work?
7. Have you a good English education?
8. (a) Have you studied any ancient or modern language?
(b) Do you acquire such with ease?
9. Have you taught school; where, and with what success?
10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?
11. (a) What is the condition of your health?
(b) Are you predisposed to any physical weakness?
12. What is your age?
13. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?
(b) Were you refused, and for what cause?
14. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
15. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"
16. Do you agree to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board while in its service?

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

(Questions to be copied, and answers to be written opposite by the examining physician.)

1. How long have you known this person?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood?
(b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature, how long since, and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?

7. Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, nervous diseases, pulmonary complaint, heart difficulties, scrofula, or any serious disease tending to shorten life?

8. Is she subject to any physical weakness, or diseases peculiar to women?

9. Are her eyes in a healthful condition?

10. Has she any tendency to deafness?

11. Is her health strong and vigorous at this time?

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

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LEAFLETS.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Editor and Publisher, 1819 Bolton Street, Baltimore, Md. Leaflets can be obtained from Miss Lena Freeman, Agent of *Little Worker* and Leaflets, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.; also from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The payment of ten cents a month for adults, and five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for one year. Twenty dollars constitutes a *life member*; ten dollars a juvenile life member. One hundred dollars will make an honorary life member. Three hundred dollars will make an honorary life patron.

Forty dollars supports a scholarship in China. One hundred dollars supports a scholarship in Mexico. Sixty dollars supports a Bible-woman in China.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$—— or——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the state of Tennessee, the following real estate: [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary Woman's Board.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was incorporated January, 1879, in the city of Nashville, according to the laws of the state of Tennessee. The five incorporators were: Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. Amelia T. McTyeire, Mrs. Martha Whitworth, Mrs. Ella Lupton, Mrs. S. R. Manier.

PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE
IN SOCIETIES.

Missionary Review of the World, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

Woman's Work for Woman, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Ave., New York.

Life and Light for Women, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Heathen Woman's Friend, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

The Methodist Review of Missions, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Helping Hand, Baptist.

Woman's Missionary Advocate, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Little Worker, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Nashville, Tenn.

The Evangel, Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

Woman's Work in the Far East, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to BARBEE & SMITH, Agents, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

